

siege, and then in changing it to rain and fog as soon as it was over.

I shall conclude my Journal of the late expedition, and siege against the city of Louisburg, and the territories thereto belonging, with the following addition: After we had marched into the city, I waited upon a gentleman who was inviolably attached to the King of France in Queen Anne's War. This gentleman had taken the New England Country Galley; he had assisted likewise in the taking of seventy sail of vessels more on the coast of New England; and now in the above mentioned siege, he came out of Louisburg with fourscore and seven men, in order to prevent our troops from landing, but was happily beat off. This gentleman, I say, told me, that he had not had his clothes off his back, either by night or day, from the first commencement of the siege. He added, moreover, that in all the histories he had ever read, he never met with an instance of so bold and presumptuous an attempt; that it was almost impracticable, as any one would think, for 3,000 or 4,000 raw, undisciplined men to lay siege to such a strong, well-fortified city, such garrisons, batteries, &c.; for should any one have asked me," said he, "what number of men would have been sufficient to have carried on that very enterprise, I should have answered no less than 30,000." To this he subjoined that he never heard of, or ever saw such courage and intrepidity in such a handful of men, who regarded neither shot nor bombs; but what was still more surprising than all the rest, he said, was this, namely, to see the batteries raised in a night's time; and more particularly the fascine battery, which was not five and twenty rods from the city wall; and to see guns, that were forty-two pounders, dragged by the English from their grand battery, notwithstanding it was two miles distant at least, and the road, too, very rough. May courage, resolution, life, and vigor, be forever conspicuous in all our English officers and soldiers! for victory, under God, depends principally on their care and conduct; and may the example of the above-named French captain animate us to be bold and daring in a just cause! In a word, may it induce us faithfully to discharge the great, the important trust reposed in us, by virtue of the commissions which we bear under our most gracious Sovereign Lord King George!

Should this be the happy effect of that gentleman's example, then we may daily expect to make large additions to his majesty's dominions; then we may hope, with just grounds, to defeat the