

were in, or to be sent to North-America. These embarkations, which alarmed France, were then preparing in Ireland. We shall see by and by, if these signs of diffidence were not well founded.

Commodore Keppel was appointed to command the fleet, intended to favour the operations by land, and when the vessels were ready for sailing; the king of England caused to be drawn up, an instruction, addressed to general Braddock, consisting of thirteen articles. This he signed at St. James's, the 25th of November.

As this instruction refers to the orders previously given to the governors of the English colonies, it does not descend to a circumstantial detail of the operations with which this general was intrusted: however it appears from the tenor of it, that he was charged with the execution of a plan, in doing which he was to act in concert not only with Mr. Keppel, but also with the governors of the colonies: and moreover, that this plan contained a series of military expeditions of which he was to give an account to the minister, whose province it was to send him from time to time orders that were of a more ample nature.

The Duke of C———d, to whom in all likelihood, his Britannick majesty had left the care of arranging the different parts of the general plan, ordered instructions of a  
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