

while the sea-horse wintered in the Bay it consisted of thirty-six.

FROM this description it is plain, that York-fort has not strength enough to resist a vigorous attack : the bringing only one six-pounder against it on the land-side, where the batteries on the river could be of no service, would be sufficient to make the men surrender or abandon it ; a six-pounder planted behind the fort, at such a distance that no gun upon the fort could answer it, would pierce it through and through : and surely a prudent man would not stay to defend it in such circumstances, when the first ball might blow up the magazine, and fort, and all that were near it : the only thing left for resolute courage to do, would be to meet the enemy in the field, tho' twice superior in number.

WHEN I had been here two or three months, and the whole mess were together in the governor's apartment, I said, that it was usual in such buildings as the fort, to have a foundation of brick or stone ; which would preserve the super-structure from decaying much longer than if it was raised only upon logs of wood laid level in the ground. The governor replied, that they would have taken this method if bricks could have been procured ; and every one present acknowledged the superior advantages of such a foundation. I then rejoined, that since bricks could not be got, stones would answer the purpose equally, if not better ; and there was great plenty of them upon the flats on Hayes's-river. The governor answered peevishly, that those stones would not make a foundation ; and the carpenter supported the assertion, by alleging the difficulty of levelling the stones fit for the logs to lie upon (which in fact could be done as easily here as at Churchill-river ; ) and adding another assertion, that the driving spikes into the  
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