

Ignorance or Imprudence in the Projectors of such an Armament, to have made the most formidable Part of it such, as the very Nature of the Place would render useless; while, at the same Time, they had sent only a handful of brave Men to oppose the whole Force of *Canada* *? Nay, might not hence the whole Design have been condemned, as a futile and insufficient Attempt, unadvisedly and foolishly calculated to sacrifice our Men and Money, without effectually indemnifying ourselves, or annoying the Enemy?

This might have been done; I may venture to assert, it would have been done, and would have obtained Credit too, among Thousands of those who now attribute to the Wisdom of the Administration, and the Greatness of our military Force, that Success, which the late brave Man, to whom we owe it, once despaired of, and, urged perhaps by that Motive, to a most desperate Attempt, was himself the only Means of obtaining, at the Expence of his Life, I say only Means, as it is more than probable, in the Circumstances the Besiegers then were, that no

* By the Nature of the River, the most formidable Part of this Armament is deprived of the Power of acting, yet we have almost the whole Force of *Canada* to oppose.—The Affairs of *Great Britain*, I know, require vigorous Measures; but then the Courage of a Handful of brave Men should be exerted only where there is some Hope of a favourable Event.

Wolfe's Letter to Secretary PITT.

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