

To the HONOURABLE  
**GEORGE TOWNSHEND,**  
BRIGADIER-GENERAL  
Of His MAJESTY'S Forces in NORTH-AMERICA,  
And COLONEL of  
The Twenty-eighth Regiment of Foot.

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A Natural and civil history of the French empire in North-America, published by a subject of this kingdom, could scarce appear with propriety, at this time, if it was not addressed to General TOWNSHEND, who, by the reduction of Quebec, the capital of that empire, has subjected the whole to the dominion of Great-Britain. It is not however necessary on this occasion either to relate the event, or to particularize the virtues that effected it. The event is necessarily known by its importance, and the addition of so great an extent of territory, and so many thousand subjects to the British crown, are memorials which can neither be overlooked nor forgotten, and which render all others, not only unnecessary but impertinent; neither can it be necessary to tell the world, that *he* is eminent for courage, activity, and spirit, who, when he was in a civil capacity, surrounded by the luxuries of peace, with a fortune by which they were best secured, and at an age when they are most enjoyed, went a volunteer in the service of his country, to traverse the wilds of America, and expose his life to dangers not common even to war; to ambushes which vigilance can seldom escape, to savages who attack without being seen, and instead of taking prisoners, the wounded or unarmed, murder them in cold blood, and carry off their scalps as a trophy. That General TOWNSHEND has an undoubted claim to this merit, and that one of the best concerted, yet most daring enterprises that military genius