

below the town; that the reduction of Niagara has caused great discontent in the French army, that the wretched Canadians are much dissatisfied, and that Monsieur de Levis is certainly marched, with a detachment of the army, to Montreal, in order to re-enforce Mr. Bourlemacque and stop General Amherst's progress." This fellow added "that, if we were fairly landed on the north side of the river, an incredible number of the French regulars would actually desert to us." In consequence of this agreeable intelligence, the following orders were this day issued to the army:—

ORDERS.

ON BOARD THE "SUTHERLAND."

"The enemy's force is now divided, great scarcity of provisions now in their camp, and universal discontent among the Canadians. The second officer in command is gone to Montreal or St. John's, which gives reason to think that General Amherst is advancing into the colony. *A vigorous blow struck by the army at this juncture may determine the fate of Canada.* Our troops below are in readiness to join us. All the light artillery and tools are embarked at the Point of Levi, and the troops will land where the French seem least to expect it. The first body that gets on shore is to march directly to the enemy, and drive them from any little post they may occupy. The officers must be careful that the succeeding bodies do not, by any mistake, fire upon those who go on before them. The battalions must form on the upper ground with expedition, and be ready to charge whatever presents itself. When the artillery and troops are landed, a corps will be left to secure the landing-place, while the rest march on and endeavor to bring the French and Canadians to a battle. *The officers and men will remember what their country expects from them, and what a determined body of soldiers, inured to war, is capable of doing against five weak French battalions, mingled with a disorderly peasantry.* The soldiers must be attentive and obedient to their officers and resolute in the execution of their duty."

The Brigadiers Monckton and Murray, with the troops under their command, re-embarked this day from the parish of St. Nicholas, and returned to their ships. This evening all the boats of the fleet below the town were filled with marines, etc., covered by frigates and sloops of war, worked up, and lay half-