

Court, and the Activity and Courage of *British* Commanders.

Can it then be right or prudent, to return *Canada* again to the *French*? They have now reconnoitred that vast Country, they have discovered their Errors in their late Negotiations, they are acquainted with the Strength of our Colonies, they have studied the Dispositions of the Indians; and, in short, have attained every necessary Information towards proceeding on sure Grounds, whenever they may think it proper to make another Attempt.

The Politics of *France* have, at all Times, been received with every favourable Advantage, and we have been taught to dread her Cunning, at a Time when we have been in no Fear of her Arms. She has planned in Secret, what, perhaps, she was not able to execute: Nay, even at this critical Juncture, she would answer as cavalierly as *Richard* the First, surnamed *Cœur de Lion*, did to *Meshtûl*, one of the Soltân's Grantees, in the Reign of the holy Wars: “ * Go, tell your
“ Lord, that on both Sides we perish every Day
“ —That it were best to refrain from further
“ Bloodshed. Beware how you think that this
“ Motion proceed from my Weakness—I have
“ only the common Good at Heart—Do not flat-
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* Vita & Res Gestæ Sultani Saladini.