

there above three years, declared it was ^{1755.} commonly windy and wet, with few fair days intervening, during the fall.—That it was besides now impracticable for the vessels and battoes to sail in concert : and as the vessels and whale-boats would not contain all the supplies, there was the utmost danger of spoiling that part of the provisions and ammunition, which must be conveyed in the battoes ; in consequence of which many of them might be cut off ; it being more than probable, from the weakness of their fort, the enemy would attack them on the lake—that from the returns of the director and surgeons of the hospital, the number of the sick amounted to about 300, exclusive of officers ; which they imputed to the excessive rains, and want of barracks. His excellency informed them, he proposed the erection of barracks, and a strong redoubt on the hill, west of the old fort, before the winter was too far advanced.

THESE matters, my Lord, were at-^{Their opi-} tentively considered : and the council^{nion, and} of war prayed leave to add to the gen-^{advice to} eral's representation—That Major Brad-^{lay aside} street, since his residence there, was^{the expe-} persuaded 1650 Canadians had passed^{diction, and} by from Cadaracqui to Niagara, for the^{strengthen} Ohio ; a great part of whom, thro' scar-^{Oswego.} city