

ministry had any share in its contrivance. The plan was his alone who stood entrusted with the execution of it; and there neither was nor is any cause to doubt, but he would have pursued the true path to its success.

He is now returned: and in the place of that glory which he would probably have gained, he has the unfair representations of interested men to combat; and hears his conduct arraigned by those who have as little knowledge of the circumstances, as of the nature of the service.

This his lordship has passed hitherto, and I suppose will continue to pass over, unregarded.

The good and great are above the notice of popular clamour: but what themselves despise, others often feel for them. I think the earl of Loudon would be as much above answering such accusations, as deserving them: but they are so easily refuted, that it were much to be regretted if none should do it.

The general opinion of these persons is, (at least it is their general exclamation) that his lordship did not sufficiently push the service; and that Louisbourg might have been taken with the force under his command. They are bold enough to urge the measures of government in changing the command, as a circumstance of proof for their assertion.

It little becomes such persons to judge of the resolutions of a ministry, which it is impossible they should understand: and it would be as improper for me to question their impropriety, who am as
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