

1759. any Accident were safe at an Anchor along the Isle of Orleans. The TRAVERSE, ^{*} a Channel so difficult to cross, if our pilots are to be credited; was cleared without any Trouble by the *English* Squadron, notwithstanding the *Buoys* were all cut away, and many of the Ships ran over it, even in the Night. The Fleet of the Enemy consisted of 160 Sail. We counted sixteen of the Line (of which three mounted eighty Guns) and eight Frigates; the rest were Transports of different Sorts. Vice Admiral SAUNDERS commanded the Men of War, and Major General WOLFE the Troops destined to

^{*} The TRAVERSE lies at the E. or N. E. End of the Isle of Orleans, about twenty Miles below *Quebec*, where the River *St. Laurence* divides itself into two Channels, one running on the North, and the other on the South Side of Orleans. The Breadth of the River, from Shore to Shore, from Cape Torment to Bertier, is about nine Miles, but the Mouth of the South Channel, which our Fleet passed at the Traverse, is choaked up with a number of Rocks, and Sands, and little Islands. From the N. E. End of it, at the Distance of four Leagues to the S. W. are Sands and Rocks running up for twelve Miles to the Isle *Vertu*, which is two Leagues long; opposite to this is another Island, guarded with a round Sand, bigger and broader than itself considerably, being only a Mile and a Half long, called the Isle *Rouge*; the Passage for the Fleet, between these two Islands, is a League and a Half broad.

From the Isle *Rouge*, proceeding on to the S. W. about four Leagues, is situated the Isle *Au Lievre*, the Approach to which, on the North Side, is prevented by a Sand five Miles long, and three Quarters broad, with a Rock in the Middle of it; on the South Side are three little Rocks, and from the Middle of this Island to the S. W. End of it, runs a Sand twelve Miles long, and three broad, with three Rocks in it. Opposite this Sand, to the Southward, are four Rocks, and a Sand with five more Rocks a little higher up upon it; the Passage for the Shipping between these two Sands, to the South of *Lievre*, is about a League broad, and on the North Side of the Island but Half a one: This Sand extends above fifteen Miles from below *Les Pelliciers* up to Cape *Camoras*, and higher.

About seven Miles farther up, a broad Oval Sand runs almost across the River, within three Miles of Cape *Au Oye*, on the opposite Shore; the River is here about ten Miles broad, seven of which are covered with this Sand, to the Westward of which is another Sand and Rock, and the Island of *Au Coudre*, the Passage open to the Fleet between them not being broader than one Mile and a Half.

From the Isle *Au Coudre* up to the Traverse is one continual and wide extended Sand lying in the Middle of the River, full of Rocks, stretching thirty Miles in Length, and better than two Leagues broad in some Parts of it. The Passage on each Side for the Squadron, in the narrowest Part, is only a Mile and a Half, on the North Side it is scarce a Mile.

This Sand with the little Isles *Aux Rots*, *Madame*, and the Sands interspersed around them, lead the Approach to the Island of Orleans, and the Mouth of the South Channel to *Quebec* at the Traverse; and from the Traverse up to *Quebec* the Navigation is already mentioned in the Dedication.

From Point *Levi* all along the Coast to the Mountains of *Our Lady*, on the South Shore, a Distance of about 120 Miles, are situated a number of Towns and Villages, and a greater still in Proportion to the Distance, on the *Canada* or North Side.