

# QUEBEC AND NEW YORK.

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## CHAP. I.

### *The Council.*

ON the evening of the thirteenth of December, the combined divisions of the invading army under general Montgomery, amounting, with the addition of a few Canadians who had joined the American standard, to about twelve hundred effective men, had been encamped several days before Quebec: although they had immediately laid siege to it, and erected a battery against its walls, they had not yet obtained any important successes. For several days they had endured the excessive hardships to which the rigour of a Canadian winter peculiarly exposed