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and preserver of the liberties of Europe, against the attempts of the House of Bourbon, lately designed in the Family Compact; for, this conquest may be properly called the key to those riches, with which the principals in that league had proposed to continue the war, and to beat down all opposition to their interests, power and ambition.

But here let us stop awhile, and review the difficulties, hardships and fatigues the besiegers underwent. It is impossible to describe one half of them, which the conquerors had to surmount in the most unhealthy season. None but those, who have been at the Havanna, and know the destructive seasons of the western world, can conceive, or form an idea of the severe duties and miseries, which they underwent during this long and vigorous siege. Nothing but the uncommon spirit and perseverance of the general officers seemed equal to the task. Yet these were miseries, which in a great measure might have been prevented or avoided, by a more seasonable expedition. Had the *written advice* been admitted to take place, either there would have been no war with Spain, or the Havanna would have been attacked, and probably in our possession long before the rainy season, and thereby saved those victims, which were carried off by sickness.

The difficulties it was attended with.

The spirit of the nation, at this juncture, may be most properly represented by the addresses to his Majesty on the reduction of the French islands of Martinico, &c. and the Spanish port of the

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