

8 D E D I C A T I O N.

River *St. Laurence*, even after our Shipping had advanced securely above the very dangerous Passage of the TRAVERSE^b at the End of the *Isle of Orleans*; the following Observations which I have traced from a *French Chart* found on board the *Chezine* will serve to illustrate this more clearly.

From the E N E. Point of *Orleans* to the S E. better than a Mile, lie the *Isles Aux Rots* and *Madame*, between which and that of *Orleans* is situated the TRAVERSE at the Opening of the two Channels which lead up N. and S. of the *Isle of Orleans*, to QUEBEC.

The whole Breadth of the River *St. Laurence* off the *Traverse* from the North Shore to the South, from Cape *Torment* to *Bertier*, is only 3 Leagues, Depth of Water 10 Fathom; and the broadest Part of the *South Channel*, which our Ships went up by the Side of the *Isle of Orleans*, opposite to *St. John's*, one League only; and the narrowest half a League.

The whole of this Channel is exceeding dangerous, and the Passage up so nice, that it might with some Propriety be considered as the principal *Outwork* of QUEBEC, and in ordinary Attacks more to be depended upon, than the strongest *Fortifications* or *Defences* of the Town.

In the winding Part of the S. Channel, from *Beaumont* over to the Village of *St. Laurence*, in the *Isle of Orleans*, there runs out a Sand three Quarters of a Mile long, and the Shore from Side to Side is barely two Miles broad. This Sand stretches up the Channel from the ENE. to the WSW. along the *New England* Shore for seven Miles ahead, being one Third of the Navigation from the TRAVERSE to the *Points* of ORLEANS and LEVI, between which the *English* Fleet afterwards anchored. The Length of the *Island of Orleans*, from the ENE. Point to the WSW. is about six *French* Leagues, and the broadest Parts about two.

^b See the first Pages of the Journal.