

ly into execution, a settled and deliberate scheme.

The 3d of July, 1754, new orders were issued by his Britannick majesty; who, in order to their execution, caused a remittance of 10,000 l. sterling, to be sent to the governor of Virginia, and leave to draw upon England for 10,000 l. more.

The 25th and 26th of October, 1754, and the 4th of November, of the same year, the king of England, sent new letters to the governors of the English colonies, containing plans of military operations: this appears from one of general Braddocks instructions, in which he is authorised to call for these letters, and to act accordingly*.

All these steps could not be taken, in consequence of the disputes which had happened on the Ohio, inasmuch as it was impossible to have had, at that time, any knowledge of them in London.

Here then, we see a plan formed, and operations directed by authority; but of what nature were these operations? This is the important point, we are now to proceed to examine into?

In the month of September, 1754, colonel Braddock was appointed by his Britannick majesty, generalissimo of all the troops which

* See original Papers, No. xi.

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