

Before he marched off, Monsieur *De Vaudreuil* dispatched an Express to Monsieur le Chevalier *De Levy*, to give him Intelligence of the dreadful Catastrophe our Troops had met with, and to desire him to come and take the Command of the Army upon him, in the Room of Monsieur *De Montcalm*, who was dying. The Courier found the Chevalier at *Montreal*, where he was just arrived, coming up a Channel he had cut in the River of *Cataracony*, to secure that Part of the Country, which was threatened with an Invasion, from Sir *William Johnson*, the Conqueror of *Niagara*. 1759.

Monsieur *De Levy* set out from *Montreal*, immediately upon the Receipt of the Letter, and arrived at *Jacques Cartiers* the 16th of September. After a few Hours Conference with the Marquis *De Vaudreuil*, it was agreed between them, to write to Monsieur *De Ramsay*, Governor of the Town of *Quebec*, to acquaint him, "That a Resolution was taken to march to his Relief; that after the next Day, the whole Army would be in Motion; that a Disposition was made to throw a considerable Supply of Provisions into the Town; and, in a Word, to encourage him by all Means to hold out to the last Extremity."

The Courier on his Arrival at *Quebec* found the Capitulation already in trainⁿ, and a Treaty entered into and carrying on between Monsieur *De Ramsay* and the Besieging General; one would have imagined that the Marquis *De Vaudreuil's* Letter would have broke off, or at least suspended a while, the Issue of this Negotiation; but whether the Orders it contained, were not precise or explicit enough, or

^m "By Deserters we learn that Monsieur *De Levy* is come down from *Montreal*; some say, he has brought two Battalions with him, and that M. *De Bougainville* with 800 Men and Provisions was on his March, to sling himself into the Town the 18th, the very Morning it capitulated." *Townsend*.

ⁿ This was exactly the Case at *Guadaloupe*, in the *West Indies*, the same Year; Monsieur *De Bompar*, the French Admiral, had actually landed a Reinforcement of 2000 Men, and a Supply of Arms, upon the Island, the very Day it surrendered to General *Barrington*; which Disembarkation, had it taken place but 24 Hours sooner, must inevitably have preserved the Colony, and the English Troops would have been obliged to have returned