

single chance of holding out for a considerable time a wretched fortification ; a chance which an action in the field could hardly alter, at the same time that it gave an additional one, perhaps a better. If the event was not prosperous, he determined to hold out to the last extremity ; and then to retreat to the isle of Orleans, with what was left of the garrison, to wait for reinforcements.

In consequence of this resolution, the general marched out the 28th, with all the force he could muster, which did not exceed 3000 men ; forming them on the heights of Abraham, in order of battle ; and observing that the french army was upon the march in one column, as far he could see ; he thought this the lucky moment ; and moved with the utmost order to attack them before they had formed. He soon beat them from the heights they had possessed, though they were well disputed. Major Dalling, who commanded a corps of light infantry, having forced the enemies grenadiers from a house and wind-mill, in attempting to regain the flank of the english army, was charged, thrown into disorder, retired to the rear, and from the number of officers killed and wounded, could never again be brought up during the action. Otway's regiment was ordered to advance immediately, and sustain the right wing, which the enemy in vain made two attempts to penetrate. While this passed there, the left was not idle ; they had dispossessed the enemy of two redoubts, and sustained with unparralleled firmness, the bold united efforts of the enemies regulars, indians and canadians. till at last, fairly fought down, and reduced to a handful, they were obliged to yield to superior numbers. This disorder was soon communicated to the right ; but the whole retired in such a way, that the enemy did not venture upon a brisk pursuit. Most of the cannon was left, as the rough-