

army, were more profoundly ignorant of; even the commanding officers of corps were uncertain, at leaving the Oneida station, whether they were to be led against Niagara, Oswegatchie or Cadaraqui; by which extraordinary secrecy, the enemy were, beyond doubt, prevented from succouring, or reinforcing the garrison of fort Frontenac. Had the design been made public, the Indians, who have a constant intercourse with those of the enemy, might have given them such information, as would have enabled them, by reinforcing the garrison, to have render'd our attempt abortive.

As to the second point. The expedition and dispatch, with which this enterprize was carried on, is perhaps not exceeded by any recorded in history; for notwithstanding the obstructions we met in Wood Creek, the detention at the Oswego Falls, and our frequent halts on the banks of the Ontario, on account of rough water; we were only ten days on our passage, from Bulls fort to Cadaraqui, the distance being at least two hundred and twenty five miles, which,