

which appeared rapidly approaching to a desirable issue.

The duty which fell to the share of General Burgoyne, was infinitely more hazardous than the allotment of our other commanders ; and, I am sorry to observe, it is the prevailing opinion, that there has been some neglect in the proper arrangements necessary to have secured success. But leaving these matters which are too high for me, and enter not within my limited sphere of action, I shall confine my observations to domestic concerns.

A fleet is expected to sail from this place for Cork in about fourteen days, in which I have taken my passage on board a convenient vessel. An officer, and his lady, with whom I am intimately acquainted, bear me company in the voyage ; so that before the conclusion of the year, I trust we shall be re-united. May we
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