

The task, however, is not mine, either to applaud the well-conducted enterprises of an army, or to censure those precipitated measures, which, in their fatal consequences, often obscure the brightest prospects of success.

The general hospital at York, though a commodious building, was deficient in size for the accommodation of the sick and wounded. Its apartments being originally intended for family use, were too small for the wards of an hospital, and did not admit of a free ventilation. Neither were the adjoining houses of the hospital, which were fitted up for temporary accommodation, any way suitable for the reception of the wounded. When, in the course of the summer, the wounded became so numerous as not to be contained within the general hospital and its outhouses, the church, a large and well-ventilated building, was dismantled of its seats, and, for the time being, converted into an hospital. Having made these preliminary remarks, I shall now proceed to give an ac-