

P. S. Since there is a Postscript to the Letter, it is tallying Matters, to add one to this Refutation. In that of the former, there is nothing but G----17-----'s Advertisement (when printed) necessary to discountenance an impudent Report published in our News-Papers, and applicable to none but him; which would have highly reflected upon General Murray's Character, had *Quebec* been re-taken by the *French*; which in all probability it must, if our Fleet with Succours were not so happy as to get thither betimes; for the Panic their Appearance threw the *French* into, made them retreat with the utmost Precipitation.

N. B. The Specimen of Poetry given on this Occasion by the Letter-Writer, who is still more unfortunate in his Verse than his Prose, will very likely draw on him the Application of the Bellmen of the several Parishes to write their Christmas-Verses; for which the Mediocrity of his Talents seemeth much better qualified, than for writing on military Affairs.

* * * As we just hear the Guns fired for the Taking of *Montreal*, it is to be hoped the Commander will, on his Return, meet with better Treatment than the Reducer of *Quebec*; and that *Englishmen*, for real and National Services, may be as highly recompensed as *Germans*, for parading, foreign, and oppressively expensive Atchievements: which in the End, it is to be feared, will frustrate and defeat the great Exertions of our National Vigour; inasmuch as the present Drift of the *French* is not to fight, but to tire, and exhaust us with a protracted, and consuming War.