

the *Jesuits* College. The Church is fine and large, though the Convent be reckoned small, and both well-built, and advantageously situated in the upper Town. Their Garden is large and well-planted; and at the End of it, there is a pleasant little Coppice. The Number of Inhabitants at *Quebec* are computed at about 10,000; and their Trade is principally in the Beaver, and other Furs; in which their Return is very considerable. The annual Subsidy of this Province to the King of *France* amounts to 53,000l. Sterling.

This Place owes its first Settlement and Foundation to *M. Samuel Chaplain*, who was the first Governor of it in 1608. And as it was always looked upon as a valuable Acquisition to the *French* King, several Attempts have been made by the *English* to take it from them. The first succeeded, but from Inexperience and Misconduct, more than from its real Strength, the Rest miscarried; as appears from the following Accounts.

In 1629, *Sir David Kirk*, having procured a Commission from *K. Charles I.* as a private Adventurer, conquered all the *French*

Settlements in *Canada*, which Conquest was restored to *France* in 1632.

In 1690, *Sir William Phipps*, with a considerable Force, was sent against *Quebec*; but by the Inexperience of the chief Officers, and the Forwardness of the Season, missed in his Attempt, and was obliged to return, with the Loss of upwards of 1000 Men, besides Transports.

On July 30, 1711, the *English*, with 68 Vessels, under the Command of *Sir Hovendon Walker*, and a Force of 6463 Men, under *Mr. Hill*, sailed from *Boston*, in order to besiege *Quebec*; but entering the River *St. Laurence* at Night, contrary to the Advice of the Pilots on board, fell in with the North Shore, where they lost 8 Transports, and 880 Men, upon *Egg Island*, and ended the Expedition.

In 1746, a naval Armament was fitted out from *England*, in order to reduce *Quebec*, and all *Canada*, and had on board 35 Companies of *Americans*, under the Command of General *St. Clair*. The Command of the Fleet was given to Admiral *Leisick*, to whose Conduct is principally attributed the Miscarriage of that Enterprize.

### An Account, or Description of the FLEA.

AS the *Flea* is one of the most wonderful Instances of animal Subjects in Miniature, we have thought a just Representation thereof in a magnified View would be highly acceptable to all our curious Readers; and the more so, as there has not yet appeared any exact Representation of these extraordinary *Animalcules*. The most striking Iconism of the *Flea*, is that of *Dr. Hook*, in his *Micrographia*, which yet is far from giving a true Idea of the most exquisite Parts of this Animal; I mean, the wonderful Mechanism and Apparatus of the Parts belonging to his Head, which is very confusedly represented in that celebrated Print; for the Fore-legs and Head of the Animal are so indistinctly drawn together, that one cannot easily discern one from the other, and indeed the most exquisite Part of the Head is scarcely there to be seen: I mean, that Part which is like the Bill, or Beak of a Bird, and opens vertically to let out the Proboscis, or Piercer, in which is contained the fine Organ which is thrust in the Wound for sucking the Blood. These Parts we have been particularly careful to examine in the *Microscope*, and to delineate them just as they appeared, together with the two Antennae, or jointed Horns, which it has in common with other Insects. We likewise

found by examining this Animal in the *Microscope*, the annular Casts, or Shells, which make the Coat of Mail, or Covering of its Body, were not exactly such as represented in the Figure, which *Dr. Hook* has given us. In short, our *Flea* is every Way different from any Thing that has hitherto appeared, and we can venture to affirm, is an adequate Representation of the Life. The celebrated *Dr. Power* has judiciously observed, that were *Aristotle* now alive, he might write a new History of Animals; for the first Tome of *Zoography* is still wanting; the Naturalists hitherto having only described unto us the larger, and more voluminous Sort of Animals; as Bulls, Bears, Tygers, &c. whilst they have regardlessly passed by the *Insectile Automata*, in whose living Enigmas (by an incomparable *Stenography* of Providence) are lodged all the Perfections of the largest Animals. They have the same Organs of Body, Multiplicity of Parts, Variety of Motions, Diversity of Figures, Severality of Functions, with those of the largest Size; and that which augments the Miracle is, that all these, in so narrow a Room, neither interfere with, nor impede one another in their Operations. Who, therefore, with the learned *Dr.* admires not *Regimentant's Fly* beyond his *Eagle*, and wonders