

"General Schuyler, in a letter to the President of Congress, dated Albany, January 13, 1776, six o'clock :

'Within this half hour Mr. Antill arrived with the unfortunate account in the inclosed. My amiable and gallant friend General Montgomery is no more ; he fell in an unsuccessful attack on Quebec on the 30th ultimo.'

"Peter Force, 'American Archives,' iv, p. 666.

"From the 'Journal of Colonel Rodolphus Ritzema, of the First New York Regiment, August 8th, 1775, to July 30th, 1778' (from the original in the 'Collection of the New York Historical Society,' published in the 'Magazine of American History,' vol. i, February, 1877, pp. 98-107). The author is at Montreal at the time he writes :

'January 3, 1776.—Mr. Antill arrived here by express from Quebec, with intelligence that General Montgomery, on the 31st ultimo, between the hours of six and seven in the morning (after a previous disposition of his small army), made two attacks upon the lower town, under a feint, and upon the upper.' * * * *

"In the series of Force's 'Archives,' vol. ix, p. 797, in a letter which appeared in the 'New York Gazette'; the author of the letter I do not know, as it is signed with pseudonym 'A Soldier,' who wrote from Montreal :

'As the public have no doubt received many contradictory accounts relative to the unfortunate attempt against Quebec, on the 31st of December last, * * * I have sent you for publication the following sketch.'

"James Melvin, an actor in the assault on Quebec, and taken prisoner at Sault-au-Matelot, on 31st December, 1775, writes ('Melvin's Journal,' p. 11) :

'31st December, Sunday.—About four in the morning we mustered in order to storm the town.

'1st January, 1776.—Prisoner in Quebec.'

"'The Account of the Repulse our Troops met with in their attempt at Quebec, the 31st of December, 1775.' This report is dated January 24, and says :

'The letters from Canada bring an account of an unsuccessful attempt made to gain possession of Quebec by storm on the 31st December last, between the hours of two and seven in the morning.'

"In a letter which Governor Tryon wrote to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated 'Ship Dutchess of Gordon, off New York, 8th February, 1776' :

'I am happy to have an opportunity to communicate to your Lordship the victory obtained by General Carleton over the rebel forces before Quebec on the 31st of December last, in which action the commander was slain.'

"'Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York,' edited by O'Callaghan, vol. viii, p. 672.

"The reply to this is given by Lord Germain in a letter to Governor Tryon, dated Whitehall, 28th March, 1776 :

'The severe check the rebels met with on the 31st December before the walls of Quebec, of which fortunate event we received the first intelligence from you, has, I trust, secured to his Majesty the possession of that fortress,' etc.