

roll upwards, which, like that of Sifiphus, must needs recoil and overwhelm us; and those, who are ambitious of such an honour, will soon find an opportunity of dying in a ditch.

Before I reply to any more of this gentleman's arguments, I must beg leave to observe, that the nature of the war is now changed, and that we are in every part of the world entirely upon the defensive. It is not necessary to be a soldier, to know the disadvantages of such a war; every body must know that the enemy will strike, where, and when, he pleases; and that you will not know where, or when, he will strike. In the first place, I will mention what places you have to garrison and defend: In North America, Newfoundland, the forts in Hudson's Bay, Quebec, and the inland forts dependent upon it; Halifax, Annapolis, Fort Cumberland, and the smaller dependent ports in Nova Scotia; Rhode Island, New York, Long and Staten Islands, St. Augustine, Pensacola. In the West-Indies, Barbadoes, Tobago, St. Vincent's, Antigua, St. Christopher's, Montserrat,