

Here then is a Plan formed, and Operations commenced. But what those Operations were, it is of Importance to examine.

In the Month of *September*, 1754, Colonel *Braddock* was nominated by his *Britannic Majesty*, General of all the Forces that were, or that should be sent to *North-America*. Immediately the Troops prepared to embark in *Ireland*, which alarmed *France*. We shall see presently whether there was any Foundation for Mistrust.

Commodore *Keppel* was appointed to command the Fleet, which was to favour the Attempts they had determined to make by Land; and when the Vessels were just ready to set Sail, the King caused to be drawn up and signed at St. *James's*, on the 25th of *November*, an Instruction, containing Thirty Articles.

As it referred to the Orders which had been before given to the Governors of the Colonies, it does not contain a circumstantial Account of the Operations intrusted to the General. There we see that he was commanded to execute a Plan, for doing which, he was to act in Concert both with Mr. *Keppel*, and the Governors of the Colonies; that, that Plan contained a Train of military Expeditions, of which he was to render an Account to the Minister who was charged with sending him fuller Orders from Time to Time.

The Duke of *Cumberland*, to whom, as it appears, his *Britannic Majesty* committed the Arrangement of the general Plan, caused to be drawn up more particular Instructions for General *Braddock*. They were contained in a long Letter which was written to him by Colonel *Napier*, in the Name of his Royal Highness, and which was dated the same 25th Day of *November* 1754. That Letter*, which deserves a particular Attention, contains the Order and Succession of those Operations, which had been concerted long before at the Court of *London*. I say long before: For indeed Colonel *Napier* begins with informing General *Braddock*, who was then in *Ireland*, that the Instructions he was going to give him in writing, were only

* See N^o. 12.