

C H A P. XXI.

Campaign in north America. General Amherst commander in chief. Plan of operations. Expedition under general Amherst to the northward. Ticonderoga and Crown Point abandoned. Their importance. Expedition against Niagara. General Prideaux killed. Sir William Johnson succeeds him in the command. Defeats the french. Takes Niagara. Its importance. Affairs in England. Preparations in France for an invasion. Measures of the british ministry. Several squadrons sail. Havre de Grace bombarded by admiral Rodney. Toulon fleet sails. Battle of Lagos-bay. Boscawen defeats de la Clue, the french admiral. Message to the Commons. Grants.

FOUR campaigns had passed in north America, without having obtained those advantages which might reasonably have been expected, from the great force employed. But as the ministry in England seemed determined to prosecute the war in that part of the world, with all possible vigor, more sanguine hopes were now conceived from the operations there; and especially as the chief command was conferred on a young officer of distinguished merit, who had exerted himself so greatly at the taking of Louisburg: General Amherst now commanded in America.

It had been determined in England, that the face of the war there should be new modelled; instead of making but one real attack on the enemy, and several false ones, it was now resolved, at the same time, to attempt Quebec, by the river St. Lawrence,

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