

Defence (like close Quarters in a Ship) that any one may be instantly killed that presumes to come in under the House; besides Palisadoes may be round the open Place under the House, that a Man cannot get through between them, and yet be open to let Wind pass sufficient to blow away the Snow.

I was put upon this Sort of Fortification by reading the Account of a Man's Wife and Children being carried away by the Indians, and some of them cruelly murdered. An Abstract of this Account is in the Appendix at the End of this Book.

I have deviated greatly from the common usual Method of Fortification; being somewhat positive better Methods may be adopted. How far I have succeeded in my Search after better Methods of Fortification, the following Sheets will show.

The Manner of Fortifying here proposed is somewhat more expensive to build than the Methods hitherto used; but that is more than balanced by these new Works being much stronger and defensible with smaller Garrisons.

I have not given a Construction, by Words at length, of the Methods of Fortification contained in the following Sheets; thinking it superfluous, as the Plates are done by so large a Scale that every Part may be exactly measured; and as

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