

“ fired. We have thought proper to remove you  
 “ to prince of Wales’s-fort, where you are to act  
 “ in the same station as surveyor and supervisor of  
 “ the buildings: and we expect that you exert  
 “ yourself in the *repairs*, and whatever may be  
 “ necessary in *strengthening the fort*; and that you  
 “ send us a draught of the river, &c. We re-  
 “ main your loving friends.”

Signed by the governor, deputy governor,  
 and six of the committee.

IN obedience to this order I embarked aboard the Churchill-sloop, — Horner master, which happened to come to York-fort, and arrived at Churchill-river the 18th of August. After two or three days I began to correct the erroneous method the men were then taking in building the stone parapet; which brought on the resentment of the governor, who renewed the customary opposition against me, notwithstanding the unlimited powers given me by the Company. There was among them a man who had been lately sent over under the character of engineer, in the exercise of which office he had just before I arrived passed his approbation upon the only two embrasures that were finished: but when I examined them and pointed out their errors and defects, he retracted his former opinion, and was as peremptory in his disapprobation. By this and other proofs, I was soon convinced, that he knew very little of the theory of military architecture, and less of the practice: however, I made a point of having his concurrence for the sake of order, and he very complaisantly acquiesced in every thing I proposed. I laid down the lines of an embrasure upon a floor in full proportion according to the best modern rules, and