

Mr. Wolfe, after warning the Canadians, chastised them for not returning to their houses and quitting their arms. Mr. Monckton rightly considered that the conquest of the land, if bereaved of its inhabitants and stock, would be of little value, gave them the strongest assurances of safety, and even encouragement, if they submitted. They confided in his promises. The country was as yet but partially conquered, and it would have been as impolitic to have crushed the inhabitants at this time as it was necessary to oblige them to give a reasonable assistance to His Majesty's forces. After all, in any event, with skill and tender management, twenty years will hardly restore this Province to the state it was in the beginning of this year.

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*JANY. 2nd.*—Ordered strict accounts to be taken of Monr. Cadet's effects and lands, he being the French contractor for all kinds of stores, and looking upon what belonged to him as belonging to the public.

*3rd.*—This day, Major McKellar gave me in his opinion, in writing, that the best method to defend the place was to fortify the heights of Abraham, there to wait our reinforcements.

*5th.*—To save the victualling of deserters, quartered them on the Canadians, with a promise to pay for them, and sent them to the Island of Orleans.

*6th.*—Having intelligence the enemy was making some preparations, providing ladders, and sending down snow-shoes, ordered communications to be made between the different posts both within and without the town; hastened the erection of the block-houses; divided the ammunition, and secured it in the best manner I could; and took every other measure in my power to defeat the enemy's designs.