

The Introduction.

THE keeping a Register of Memorable Occurrences, as it has been the practice of former Ages, so it ought to be continued for the advantage of Posterity: And in as much as the Divine Providence has placed me near the Seat of Action, where I have had greater Opportunities than many others of remarking the Cruelty and Perfidy of the Indian Enemy, I thought it my Duty to keep a Record thereof. Not that at first I design'd to make these *Memoirs* publick but now am perswaded to it by some whose Judgment I pay a deference unto. In the collecting them, I have us'd all faithfulness; and have been assisted therein not only from the Abstracts of Original Letters, but from Persons of the best Credit and Reputation, and yet doubtless some small Occurrences may have slippt my knowledge.

I might with *Orosius* very justly entitle this History *De miseria hominum*, being no other then a Narrative of Tragical Incursions perpetrated by Bloody Pagans, who are Monsters of such Cruelty, that the words of *Virgil* may not unaptly be apply'd to them.

*Tristis haud illis monstrum, nec Saviour ulla
Pestis et ira Deum.*

Who are as implacable in their Revenge, as they are terrible in the Execution of it; and will convey it down to the third and fourth Generation. No Courtesy will ever oblige them to gratitude; for their greatest Benefactors have frequently fall'n as Victims to their Fury.

The Roman Spectacles of old were very lively in them

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