

INTRODUCTION.

IT is for national use and information to the public that John M'Alpine, author of the following details, has now published to the world these genuine and brief narratives and memoirs of some of his particular adventures and interesting manœuvres, from the time of his first settlement in America, anno 1773, and during the long and hazardous period that he loyally and faithfully attached himself avowedly to the British armies in that country, where his repeated good offices and attendance were often solicited and acknowledged by several commanding officers and others, though his best services have been so perfectly neglected. Containing the various narratives and curious details of his making family settlements in the province of New York, America; his repeated expulsions from different estates by the American revolvers; the hardships he underwent, dangers he encountered, disasters he contended with, difficulties he surmounted, escapes he effected, losses he sustained, cruel treatments that he and his family endured; various hazardous good offices that he occasionally undertook for his country, and seasonably and happily performed in the royal cause; particularly his essential services and military exploits while he was confidentially employed by and faithfully continued with the British armies under the Generals Carleton, Burgoyne, Hamilton, Phillips, Powell, and other officers; and his readily acknowledged valiant behaviour in the attack and engagement at Freeman's Farms in September, 1777, where the rebels were defeated; his being finally captured in the service, and carried prisoner about three hundred miles