

1759. General WOLFE finding no farther Resistance to be made, took Possession of the *Heights* to the Left of the *Falls of Montmorency*, and which commanded all the Country to the Right; there fixed his own Camp, and fortified it with *Entrenchments* towards the Wood; he erected likewise a strong Battery, which *enfiladed* and raked the Camp of the Chevalier *De Levy*, and would have reduced him to the Necessity of quitting it, had he not thrown up *Traverses*<sup>†</sup> to secure it from the Cannon. General WOLFE being Master of the Shore Side to the Left of the *Falls of Montmorency*, made no farther Advances, the Object he had in View was, to *make an Attack upon our Camp*<sup>‡</sup>; but the opposite Banks of the River where he was obliged to cross, were so high and steep, and the little Safety there was in passing a Ford he had but a slender Knowledge of, together with the Number of thick Woods which covered the Country round, presented such a Variety of Difficulties to him, as were not easily to be surmounted; however by drawing our Attention another Way, and obliging us to <sup>w</sup> divide our Forces, he flattered himself, he should in the End accomplish his Design.

18th. With this View, he caused <sup>\*</sup> two Ships to pass above the Town of *Quebec*. This Movement did not much alarm us at first, but others soon after taking the same Route, and this little Fleet increasing every Day, our

<sup>†</sup> *Banks of Earth* thrown perpendicularly across a Line to intercept the Enemy's Shot, and to prevent its being raked. These *Traverses* are sometimes six or seven Feet high, especially if the Line is commanded by any Eminence, and about 12 or 18 Feet thick, so as to be Cannon Proof; a Communication is preserved at one End of the *Traverse*, by leaving a *Passage* five or six Feet wide.

<sup>‡</sup> "I had Hopes that possibly Means might be found of passing the River above, so as to fight the Marquis *De Montcalm* upon Terms of less Disadvantage, than directly attacking his Entrenchments. *Wolfe*."

"In reconnoitring the River *Montmorency*, we found it fordable at a Place about three Miles up, but the opposite Bank was intrenched, and so steep and woody, that it was to no Purpose to attempt a Passage there." *Wolfe*.

<sup>\*</sup> "However to divide the Enemy's Force, &c." *Wolfe*.

<sup>w</sup> "On the 17th, I ordered Captain *Rous* of the *Sutherland* to proceed with the first fair Wind and Night-Tide above the Town of *Quebec*, and to take with him his Majesty's Ships *Diana* and *Squirrel* with two armed Sloops, and two Cutts loaded with Provisions,