

## DEDICATION.

With your Views fixed to the *British* Interest in these Respects, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to describe the incessant Labours you have gone through, while you had the Weight of three Expeditions at once upon you ; that of *Nova-Scotia*, twice before relieved and maintained by your Succours and Vigilance ; of *Crown-Point*, so absolutely necessary to secure the Friendship and Fidelity of the *Six Nations* ; and of *Niagara*, the Key of the Entrance into the great Lakes, and of the *French* Communication with the *Mississippi* ; for the successful Execution of which last Expedition, you are now hazarding your Person.

You will permit me, *Sir*, to say, That it is very much owing to your Representations, that the Interest of these Plantations is made the great Object of the Attention of their Mother-Country, and that Spirit raised, which so happily prevails in *Great-Britain*, for their Preservation from the destructive Schemes of the *French*.

The Wisdom of your Councils, and the Integrity of your Conduct, always employed for the general Welfare of these Colonies, have gained you a Confidence through them all ; without which the best concerted Plans would be ineffectual in our present Circumstances.