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Power upon thinking of new Ways and Means to accomplish the great End in View (*i. e.*) to humble our Enemies, that they may not be able to disturb the Repose of Europe, so much as they have hitherto done.

In the second Place I have shown how to build dwelling Houses, which Women and Children may defend against a considerable Party with small Arms; which Sort of Houses may be of great Security to our out Settlements in America, and for which Purpose they are chiefly designed.

In treating of Building defensible Houses, I have omitted to mention that in Countries where it Snows much, and the Wind blows the Snow in Quantities against the Sides of Houses, Walls, &c. the defensible Houses in such Countries must be built upon Pillars of Stone, Brick or Timber, secured as well as can be done from Fire with dead Sap, Plaistering, &c. if neither Stone nor Brick can be had; so that the Wind have a free Passage under the House, that the Snow may not lye high against the Walls, and render the House surprisable in at the Windows, high Doors, &c. It may be said Indians may get under the House and cut down the wooden Pillars, or make Fires to burn them; and if the Pillars are Stone or Brick, large Fires may be made under the House, which will burn it down. I answer, there may be made Places to pour Water down upon the Fire, and Places of Defence