

They are no more than justice, the inviolable laws of which would oblige me to reprehend with equal impartiality ; hut to the immortal honour of all concerned, rarely, most rarely indeed does any cause of reprehension exact that painful duty.

Every other particular, in the execution of this undertaking, is submitted to candour, which will reflect, that the life of a soldier has but little leisure for study.—That the Flowers of Rhetoric seldom grow amid the thorns of War.

The several occurrences, recited in the following work, which happened in the parts where I did not personally serve, were communicated to me, by some of the brave Officers present, with whom I had the honour of corresponding ; and on whose judgement and veracity I could depend.

But my principal debts of information are due to General *Sir Jeffery Amherst*, Colonel *Amherst*, and General *Williamson*, of the *Royal Artillery*, for the orderly books, and authentic accounts of different events, with which they condescendingly assisted me, to compleat this work. Nor must I leave out of the list of my creditors, my most esteemed friend * *John Knox*, Esq. ;¹ for the valuable manuscripts, and verbal remarks he communicated to me, at *Montreal*, in September 1760, at the memorable junction of the three armies.

All the *Orders*, and *Transactions*, on the side of *Quebec*, under General *Wolfe* ; and, after his lamented loss, under General *Murray*, in that and the following year, in the progress of our conquests, from the capital up to *Montreal*, are

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—*Note by author.* (All notes by the author of this *Journal* are so marked.)

¹ Probably John Knox, appointed Lieutenant in the second battalion of the 1st. or Royal Regiment, September 21, 1756.