

8 *The Life of General JAMES WOLFE, &c.*

ter the great Example : Inclination calls them to it, and Death is dealt from every Blow of the invincible Legion !

THIS is thy Victory, here are thy Trophies, O WOLFE ! I say again it was the Instinct of thy Capacity that conquered in the Plains of *Minden* : Thy Spirit, thy Elevation, Presence of Mind, and Judgment were present at the Battle : They guided the Work thy Hands had fashioned ; and this Work overthrew the Enemy, with great Slaughter. All *Europe* heard of it and was amazed ! *Britain* knew thee, her Son, to be the Author of it, and therefore she now records the Glory of this Day in her Annals, to thy immortal Honour !

WHEN, at the Breaking-out of the present War, the great Minister, who now sits at the Helm of Affairs, was making strenuous Efforts to cut off the Hydra-Head of Faction, and to awake the national Spirit from the ungrateful Slumbers it was laid in, WOLFE, fresh with manly Life, appeared upon the Stage of Action, to put in Practice, for his Country's Service, the profound Study we have seen him make in Peace of the Arts of War. The Minister's discerning Eye pointed him out to be a powerful Aid to those, who, in Right of Seniority, claimed the Command, for executing his Designs against *Rockfort* ; though the ill Success of that Affair gave us afterwards Reason to wish the Claim had been founded on the Right of undisputed Merit, influenced and biased by the unfeigned Love of the Country. However pure and upright the Patriot Minister's Intentions were, it may be said, that, his Administration being then in its Infancy, and not so thoroughly established, Feuds, Animosities, and Jealousies had not yet subsided ; and that there remained a Deal of the old Leaven, to corrupt the Mass of the new, yet true System of Policy, if it was not purged off by due Circumspection. Time alone, and a true Estimate of our real Interest, can produce these desirable Effects ; and it is therefore we shall leave the well-projected Attack of *Rockfort* in the Obscurity it has been involved in, observing only, to the * Honour of our young Hero, who was Quarter-Master-General upon this Expedition, that he, with other Officers, whilst our Fleet remained in the Bay of *Basque*, the Weather being at the same Time very favourable for a Descent, went on

* What is here asserted may be seen authenticated by our best Accounts.

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