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TO THE HONOURABLE  
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ONE OF THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW  
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SIR :

**T**HE Details of our Revolutionary Struggle, possess an Interest that has called for the Publication of nearly every Document known to contain a Narrative of Events, or a Statement of Facts, relating to that Period. The Materials thus furnished have been woven into stately Histories, clothed in beautiful Language, and illustrated with exquisite Art; and a Year seldom passes without bringing to Light the Labours of some industrious Antiquarian, to illustrate some new Chapter in this great Drama of

Events. The increasing Interest with which these are received, may doubtless be considered as an Indication of the Sincerity of our Regard for the Memory of those whose Acts constitute the Records of that Period; and of the Strength of our Attachment to the Principles which were established by them.

The wasting Hand of Time has moreover spared certain Documents, which — presenting no connected and absorbing Narrative, and inviting no delicate Play of the Fancy — are made up of such dry Details as the daily Routine of Camps, the little-understood Technicalities of War, and the Orders incident to the Police and Discipline of Armies. To the general Reader these Details may be devoid of Interest, but to the philosophical Student of History, they appear of heightened Value, as affording the Key to Events not otherwise understood. They give us a Knowledge of the Capacities, Characters and Plans of Commanders. They display the

Habits of Caution, Courage and Energy, by which they won great Results, or perhaps their Want of these Traits, through which Deficiency they earned for themselves an inglorious Oblivion, or an odious Fame.

The Orderly Book of a commanding Officer may be regarded as a Record of his Intentions. If it agrees with the historick Page, he is entitled to our Regard as a Person of energetick Character, who having formed his Plans, is able to see them executed; and who, knowing his Duty, can perform it. The following Book contains Col. Wayne's Regimental Copy of the daily Orders issued to the Garrison at *Ticonderoga* from October, 1776, to January, 1777, while under the Command of Gen. *Gates*, and subsequently of Col. *Wayne* himself, and whilst in the daily Expectation of hostile Invasion from *Canada*. It derives Importance from the manifold Perils then impending over the Northern Frontier, and from the Number



and Character of the Persons employed upon the Service of meeting and repelling them.

The Volume here offered, like that concerning *Philip's Indian War*, its immediate Predecessor, is largely indebted to your liberal Subscription for its Publication, and the Series to which it belongs may justly be traced to the Volume of original Papers relating to an interesting Period in the History of *Nantucket*, which was printed at your Expense for gratuitous Distribution.

The Publisher may venture to indulge the Hope, that these Volumes will in some Degree extend our previous Knowledge of the Times to which they relate, and place beyond the Reach of Oblivion some Points that may illustrate more fully the Colonial and Revolutionary History of our Country. Should this Benefit ensue from his Labours, he will consider himself in a great Degree rewarded, for the Time and Toil bestowed in their Preparation.



## INTRODUCTION.

**T**HE Effort which Congress had made in the Year 1776 for the Subjugation of Canada having failed, and their Troops being wholly expelled from that Province, the British Gen. Carleton turned his Attention to the immediate Invasion of the rebellious Colonies by Way of the Lakes. The Provincials were collected in great Force at Crown Point, and were absolute Masters of Lake Champlain, where the British had not a single Vessel to oppose them. In order to acquire a Superiority upon the Lake it was found that no less than thirty Vessels would be required, and these were to be little less than created. To overcome the Difficulty, six Vessels of a large Class which had been built in England, were taken to Pieces and transported over Land, and afterwards dragged up the Rapids of St. Therese and St. John. The Fleet which they placed at the Foot of the Lake by this stupendous Undertaking, consisted of a Gondola weighing thirty Tons, thirty Long-boats, a Number of Flat-boats of considerable Burden, and

more than four hundred Batteaux. To aid the Seamen and Soldiers in this difficult Labour, the Peafants and Farmers of Canada were taken from their Fields and compelled by Force to affift the Work; and by thefe extraordinary Means, the Enterprife was completed in three Months. The Importance of the Object, and the Shortnefs of the Time that would be left for military Operations, from the Latenefs of the Seafon, were Motives that haftened the Labour and Diligence with which this Armament was equipped, to fuch a Degree, that the principal Veffel, carrying three Mafts and eighteen Twelve-pounders, was finifhed in twenty-eight Days from the laying of the Keel, and completely rigged and fitted for Action. They ftill entertained a Hope of wintering in Albany.

In the Beginning of Oétober the Fleet was in Readinefs. It confifted, exclufive of the Ship already mentioned, of 2 ftout Schooners, one mounting 14, the other 12 Six-pounders, 1 large flat-bottomed Radeau, with 6 Twenty-four and 6 Twelve-pounders, and 1 Gondola with 8 Nine-pounders; 20 Veffels of leffer Size, called Gunboats, carried each a brafs Piece of Ordnance, from 9 to 24 Pounders, or were armed with Howitzers,