

As the *Massachusetts* Assembly at first entered into the Expedition upon the coolest Deliberation; so did they on the other hand exert themselves with uncommon Vigour in the Prosecution of it: As soon as the Point was carried for undertaking it, every Member, which had opposed it, gave up his own private Judgment to the public Voice, and vied with those, who had voted for the Expedition, in encouraging the Enlistment of the Troops, and forwarding the Preparations for the Attempt.

The Bounty, Pay, and other Encouragements allowed by the *Massachusetts* Government to both Officers and Men, especially the former, was small; but the *Spirit*, which reigned through the Province, supplied the Want of that; the Complement of Troops was soon enlisted; not only the Officers, who served in this Enterprize, were Gentlemen of considerable Property; but most of the Non-commissioned Officers and many of the private Men had valuable Farms, and enter'd into the Service upon the same Principles that the old *Roman* Citizens in the first Consular Armies used to do, with a Resolution to behave like Men, who were to fight *pro aris et focis*; which they were persuaded was the Case in this Enterprize.

The Vote of Assembly for undertaking the Expedition was not passed till the 25th of *January*, when intense cold Weather begins to set in; yet all the Vessels of War were got ready for the Sea, (the principal one of which was