

April 2d, 1755°, THE armament at *Brest* was carried on with the same diligence; and proposed to be ready to sail by the 20th. No step towards augmenting their land forces.

5th. FOURTEEN ships were got into the road: on which were embarked implements for throwing up or removing earth, and erecting forts; also provisions for *Indians*—destined for *Gaspésie*—and to be commanded in chief by *De la Motte*; M. *Macnamara* being thought too old, though certainly the best officer they have^p.

8th. IT is now discovered that *six* ships, which got into the road on the 17th of *March*, had sailed privately for *America* with troops, in the night between the 18th and 19th of the same month: that *six* others took their station in the road, and received on board a number of regular troops^q, amongst whom were many *Scotch* and *Irish* officers; and that orders were issued for *five* more ships to be expedited with the utmost diligence.

° Received by the Earl of *Holderness* on the 6th.

^p See advices in Lord *Holderness*'s office, *March* 21st, 1755.

^q *April* 9th. Orders were sent for their embarkation at *Brest* on this and the following days to the 13th. They in all amounted to 3000 men, taken by 500 out of six regiments of two battalions each; as by advice received *April* 19th from M. *Cosne*.