

sought all occasions of misrepresenting his lordship's conduct : accidents in which he had no concern were in their consequences attributed to him, as if he had caused them ; and every measure that falsehood, within the reach of their low cunning, could adopt, were used, to perplex and disturb his lordship's councils.

When they were tired with the novelty of the exercise of the soldiers, they began to complain that it was delaying business, and wasting useful time ; though they at the same time knew the delay was the not arriving of the expected intelligence, and this was only an employment of the soldiers till it came.

They first bred those disaffections in the officers, of which they afterwards blamed the consequences ; and they even attempted to set aside the evidence of that force in Louisbourg, which rendered the attack impracticable, by a falsehood as insolent in the contrivance, as it was easy of detection.

The state of the place and strength of the enemy, on the knowledge of which the enterprise was suspended, were given by the French officers themselves, and intended for their sovereign. The account, on the strength of which they have endeavoured to invalidate it, was what they called the testimony of captain Goram. They were cunning to fix upon this name, for it had credit ; and they were bold
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