

and is, as he rightly observes, a most material point for a Commander in that part of the world; and it must be acknowledged, considering what the *events* of the war in North America have been these *two last* years, that it is no small conquest to make over New England men, who, till of *late*, have not been accustomed to such misfortunes, and from their general character seem as little formed to bear *disappointments* of that kind, as any Subjects whatever within his Majesty's dominions.

I have now, Sir, gone through the examination of what the writer of the Bristol letter assigns for the causes of our failure in this year's Expedition against Cape Breton, and his reasons for it's being abandoned; but as the *General* and *Admiral* might, for ought we know, give other reasons for their conduct in this Enterprize, than what he has disclosed in his letter, and which we are at present unacquainted with, it would be *prejudging* in the case, to form a conclusive Opinion, without hearing those reasons, if any such there be.

In the mean time I would observe to you, that from several marks discernable in the Bristol letter, the writer of it, whoever he is, appears to me, not only to have resided in Halifax at the time of holding the several Councils of war there, which he mentions, but likewise to have had a *participation* in them. His privity to many things relative to that Council, wherein he says *the resolution of abandoning the Enterprize* was taken; particularly the unanimous agreement of
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