

“ intelligence, that the *Toulon* squadron, which
 “ failed to *Minorca*, consisting of twelve ships
 “ of the line, was ill provided with men and
 “ guns.

“ *Resolved,*

“ THAT it appears to this committee, that
 “ his Majesty, between the 30th of *January*
 “ 1756, and the 6th of *March* 1756, received
 “ intelligence, that there was fitted and fitting
 “ for the sea at *Brest* and *Rochfort*, a squadron
 “ of seventeen ships of the line, which by intel-
 “ ligence, received the 7th *March* 1756, was to
 “ be augmented to twenty-two ships of the
 “ line, some of which were to be fitted out for
 “ transporting troops; and by further intelli-
 “ gence received, of the 31st of *March* 1756,
 “ was increased to twenty-three ships of the
 “ line, exclusive of three ships of the line, said
 “ to be destined for *America*.

“ *Resolved,*

“ THAT it appears to this committee, that Sir
 “ *Edward Hawke* received orders to sail on the
 “ 27th *February* 1756, and actually sailed on
 “ the 12th of *March* following, on a cruize to
 “ the westward, with a squadron of fourteen
 “ ships of the line, which squadron, under the
 “ command of Sir *Edward Hawke*, was, on the
 “ 1st of *April* 1756, ordered to be re-inforced
 “ with five ships of the line, under rear admiral
 “ *Holbourne*.