

In September dies Du Quesnel the French governor of Cape-Breton, a good old officer, and was succeeded in command by M. du Chambon an old poltroon.

In October Capt. Spry in the comet-bomb, upon the coast of New-England, takes a French privateer in her first voyage or cruize, Capt. Le Grotz, 16 guns 100 men, whereof some were Irish Roman-catholick soldiers formerly of \* Phillips's regiment from Canso; this privateer was called Labradore, from a gut in Cape-Breton where she was built; she had taken two or three of our coasters from Philadelphia. About this time Capt. Waterhouse in a Boston privateer refused a French East-India ship richly laden; and Capt. Loring in a small Boston privateer was taken by a new French man of war from Canada bound to Louisbourg.

Nov. 19, sails from Louisbourg the French grand fleet of fish ships, of fur ships from Canada, &c. This fleet consisted of 3 French men of war, 6 East-India ships, 31 other ships, 9 brigantines, 5 snows, and 2 schooners; 7 vessels remained to winter at Louisbourg.

This is a short history of the sea campaign (as the French express it) in the northern parts of North America for anno 1744.

Anno 1745 in March, † La Renommée a French frigate of 32 guns, 350 seamen, and 50 marines, charged with publick dispatches, and designed for observation, in cruising along the Cape-Sable coast, met with several of our small armed vessels, and with the Connecticut transports, which upon any other occasion she might have destroyed with ease: If she had put into Louisbourg, by the addition of good officers, of men, and of stores, the garrison would have been encouraged, and perhaps have rendered our expedition vain: But having discover-

\* In this regiment they have been much guilty of inlusting Roman-catholicks, because cheap and easily to be got.

† This was the best advice boat the French had, she was taken in a voyage to Hispaniola.

ed an expedition, she made the best use of her advice there, and was ordered to take the command of the squadron, she was taken by the Dove.

In May the French sent 560 guns and 560 men, being directly in the hands of British men of war, the French ship the Superb, of 40 guns.

† Commanded by M. Chiconeau was too rash in his conduct, he had made the best use of his ship's way, and his conduct notwithstanding this and observation; of Louisbourg, in all times the strength well informed of the person, if not a native without regular troops (the 10 guns of 18 lb, old, and howitzers) well observed, that to view Boston and discourage and fortify well peopled.

Here we may observe of war, found more of the British and persons: for instance, le Fou, le Gloire, la Renommée, the Kent, the Cheste, Wager, &c.