

would be a powerful expedition with land forces from that port?

THE only step taken to remedy these egregious omissions in the *British politicks*, was to risk six ships of the line and one frigate under admiral *Holbourn* to follow Mr. *Boscawen*; who did not sail till the 11th of *May*, when it could scarce be thought possible for him to escape *Macnamara's* fleet, which had sailed but eight days before. And yet this was the only effort made by the *British* ministry for several months, to counteract the vigorous armaments of the whole naval power of *France*.

THE account of the *Brest* fleet's being failed, was soon after seconded by advices of more equipments in that port, *Rochfort* and *Toulon*. On the 13th of *May* our intelligence from *Paris* mention more preparations of the marine at *Brest* and *Rochfort*; and also a squadron somewhere to be commanded by *Galassioniere*. The letters of the 23d are more explicit: they inform that *five* more ships were put in commission at *Rochfort*, and that there was a frigate fitting out at *St. Malo's* *: that *Macnamara* was returned into the port of *Brest* on the 20th, with nine ships, *viz.*

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