

our Governor, who had dispatched Letters to him, advising him of the Design against *Cape Breton*, no great Encouragement to expect his Help; tho' being now acquainted with the Resolution of this Government, he was prepar'd and dispos'd to hasten away with the greater Speed, upon his Orders from *Home*. But had he come to *Boston*, as he intended, agreeable to his Orders, he had probably been too late at *Cape Breton* to have met with *this Ship of War*. A Vessel therefore is accidentally cast in his Way at Sea, accidentally to Man, but *intentionally* by God, giving him certain Information that the *New England* Forces had been some Time on their Voyage; upon which, though in Want of Water and Provisions, he altered his Course, and arrived before the Harbour of *Louisburgh* time enough to save the *Vigilant*, a fine new 64 Gun Shig, designedly sent from *France* for the Protection of the *French*, and Distress of the *English*.

But the most astonishing Article in the Conduct of Providence, was its disposing the Enemy, by surrendering their City and Fortresses, to prevent that general Assault, both by Sea and Land, which had been resolv'd upon, and must have occasioned a most dreadful Effusion of Blood on both Sides: And God only knows what the Event would have been; as the *French* were so strongly fortified, and had within their Walls 600 regular Troops, and, at least, 1400 of the Inhabitants, whom they had called in to their Assistance.

Upon the whole, the Reduction of *Louisburgh*, considering the immense Sums of Money that have been laid out by the King of *France* to render