

him in the Expedition, is there a well-founded Reason to believe that Twenty-five *French* Men of War, circumstanced even as these were, would have been defeated by eleven *English*? If they had not, would not the shameful Ignorance of the M——y in the Number of the Enemy's Fleet, a Knowledge which every Man might have obtained who would have been at the Expence of paying for it, and surely the Parsimony of public Money is not the present reigning Taste, have proved the Perdition of his Majesty's Fleets and Subjects, to the everlasting Disgrace of the *English* Nation.

NAY so exquisitely subtile was the Design of this Scheme, even the second Fleet, commanded by Admiral *Holbourne*, would in all human Probability have fallen into the Hands of the *French* Squadron also; for by the Result it has appeared, that he did not join Mr *Boscawen* till eleven Days after the taking the *Alcide* and *Lys*.

By this Accident it might, with the greatest Probability, have happened, that Admiral *Boscawen* being defeated the tenth of *June*, the Day the *English* and *French* Fleet met in
Darkness