

With regard to the State of *Louisbourg*, it appeared, that the Garrison and Inhabitants must be distressed in a short time for want of Provisions, having been a few Weeks before exhausted by furnishing the *East India* Fleet and Squadron, which convoyed it, with Supplies for prosecuting their Voyage to *France*.—That the Troops of the Garrison, which consisted only of six Companies of Marines and one *Swiss* of 100 Men each, were short of Complement, and badly disciplined, the whole greatly discontented, and the Company of *Swiss* very mutinous; that the Inhabitants were but few, and most of them unacquainted with the Use of Fire Arms; that several Parts of the Fortifications were out of Repair, particularly the Grand Battery, which had one End almost open, occasioned by a new Work's being unfinished, and many other Parts of it extremely low, and the whole commanded by a Hill close behind it.—That Mr. *Duchambon*, who succeeded Mr. *Duquesnel*, then lately dead, as Governor of the Colony, was wholly unskilled in the Defence of a Fortification, the Engineer absent, and the other Officers not much used to military Discipline; and that their Number of Troops was so small, as put it intirely out of their Power to defend the several Parts, they were liable to be attacked in.—That though the Harbour was strongly fortified, there were many convenient Places in *Chapeau Rouge Bay* for landing Troops, Cannon and Stores on the back Side of *Louisbourg*.