

ment, and the authors of its disgrace and misfortunes, should recommend them to their future favours.

By a letter from the secretary of our embassy at *Paris*, dated so early as the 1st day of *January* 1755; and at a time that the Duke de *Mirepoix* was employing all his abilities to prevent the just resentment of *Great Britain* against his nation for the hostilities committed by the *French* in *America*; with the most religious assurances, that his court was sincerely desirous to adjust finally and expeditiously all disputes subsisting between the two crowns in the new world; Sir *Thomas Robinson*, one of his Majesty's principal secretaries of state, was informed, that seventeen men of war were ordered to be equipped at *Brest*, the admiral's ship to be of 70 guns, and that *the greatest part of this fleet was destined for AMERICA.*

THIS intelligence was repeated from *Paris*^a and other places, with many additional circumstances. On the 8th^b, the same gentleman advised that the armament at *Brest* consisted of

^a It is said, with *good foundation*, that orders are gone to *Brest*, to fit out seventeen men of war (by some I am told) frigates included: (by others, exclusive of them) The admiral's ship is 70 guns. They are to have regular troops on board. But part of this fleet only (and that the *greatest*) is destined for *America*: but can't be ready before *April* or *May*. *De Cosne.*

^b Received on the 12th.