

may invade that Island of ours, than that we should be able to subdue them?

The Probability of our succeeding against *Martinico* is still stronger against us, if it be true, as I take upon me to say it is, that the *French* are able to arm 40000 good Men, in Defence of that valuable Island. There is not one acquainted with the vast Superiority of the *French* in those Parts, that wonders not they had not invaded our *Leeward* Islands, since this War, and that scruples to own, they might, the two first Years of it, have ruin'd all those Islands in a Fortnight. There is no Disputing that they had Force enough at *Martinico* only, to do the Work; nor can they ever want it when inclined; or fear succeeding, if the Superiority of our naval Force, don't prove the Safety of our Fellow-Subjects in those Parts.

The *French*, 'tis true, have a few more small Sugar Islands, such as *Guardeloupe* and *Mariegalante*; but they, if conquered, would be but a poor Equivalent for the Continuance of an expensive and unsuccessful War. And I am not clear, that we could subdue even these small Colonies with all our Maritime Force, considering how populous and well fortified they are, the Weakness of our contiguous Colonies in Men capable of bearing Arms, and their Distance from this Center of our Force and Power.

Hence, Sir, you may perceive how very wide our Author shoots off the Mark, in supposing

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