

“ *cardy, Normandy, and Britany*, great quantities of provisions, artillery, and warlike stores, collected, and numbers of vessels for the transportation of soldiers assembled, in the ports of *France*, opposite to the coasts of this kingdom.

“ *Resolved,*

“ THAT it appears to this committee, that in the months of *September, October, November,* and *December, 1755*, his Majesty received various repeated and concurrent advices of the actual equipping of a squadron of twelve ships of the line, besides frigates, at *Toulon*, and that the said armament would at latest be ready to sail very early in the spring, 1756.

“ *Resolved,*

“ THAT it appears to this committee, that on the fourth of *February 1756*, in a letter from Mr. consul *Birtles*, dated *Genoa, 17 January 1756*, his Majesty received advice of an intention to surprise the island of *Minorca*, which was confirmed by many subsequent advices of the actual destination of the said armament against the said island, received in the month of *February 1756*.

“ *Resolved,*

“ THAT it appears to this committee, that his Majesty received repeated and concurrent  
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