

ferred with the Governors of the different Provinces, and their Deputies, he visited the Forts as far as *Albany*, and employed a Number of Hands to make a Road for marching Troops: Nothing, however secret, escaped his Eye, and having discovered that the Captains of several Vessels belonging to *New-York*, kept up a Correspondence with the Enemy, and gave them Intelligence of every Thing that passed, he wisely laid an Embargo upon the Shipping in that River, and quartered the Troops upon the Inhabitants, remedied every Inconvenience, so that at his Departure for *England*, an Army of fourteen Thousand Men was formed, and in top Spirits; Magazines were established for their Support; Arsenals were erected, the Artillery was in good Order and well served; Harmony and mutual Confidence reigned throughout the Provinces: He was so far from being inactive, that I doubt, if any one Man in the Island of *Great-Britain*, would have done more, and to better Purpose in so short a Time.

You next propose that *Guadaloupe*, *Senegal*, and *Goree*, be delivered up for *Minorca*, which last you seem to be for rendering desolate, and leaving to the *French*, if they chuse to possess it: On which Scheme, I beg Leave to observe, that the dispensing with *Senegal* and *Goree*, as being far from the Neighbourhood of any *British* Settlement, is the very Motive for retaining *Guadaloupe*; I would not be for erasing the *French* from the Face of the Earth; let them retire to *Hispaniola* and to the *Mississippi*. I only want to preserve Peace, and the best Way to secure it will be to remove them at the greatest Distance; nor would I have any Peace be concluded untill they were driven from *Martinico* itself, which may easily be effected in the following Manner: Let a strong Squadron of Men of War ride before their Harbours