

ready drawn up in *English* in the Form of a *Letter*; the Contents of which were communicated to the *French Officer*. The only Term of *Capitulation*, which was delivered to him, was conceived in very few Words, to this Effect, that the Garrison must expect *no other Terms*, but to *surrender at Discretion*? There were *two Hours* time allowed the Governor for Deliberation.—

About the Expiration of the Time limited, there came *another Officer* from the Governor, with Remonstrances against the Hardship and Severity of *this*, importuning some other *more favourable Conditions*. After some little Consultation between the *Admiral* and *General*, they concluded upon this Condescension, that the Expression *at Discretion*, should be softened into, *Prisoners of War*—And, their generous Humanity added, ‘ That the Women and Children, and such of the Inhabitants of *Louisbourg*, as had not borne Arms, should be sent into *France*, in the Ships of his *Britannic Majesty*.’ The *Officer* was assured, that *no other* Conditions whatever would be granted to the Garrison, who should be indulged an *Hour* longer for deliberating on these, but must expect no more Time to be given them.

Before the Expiration of this, a *Lieutenant-Colonel* was sent out to the *General Officer* in our Trenches, to propose that the *Officers* of the Garrison, upon *surrendering* themselves *Prisoners of War*, might be permitted to go to *France* instead of *England* upon their *Parole* given of *not serving* for a Time to be specified by the *General*.—On finding this could not be obtained, he desired the Favour of *one Hour* more for farther