

of June, 1744, he captured twenty-four prizes, carrying 202 guns and valued at £250,000 sterling. The "Launceston," one of his squadron, needing many repairs, Commodore Warren returned in her to New York, arriving on the 25th June, when he was publicly received with general acclamation in testimony of his services in the war.

As soon as the repairs of the "Launceston," which were made at Turtle Bay on the East River, were completed, she returned to the West Indies, and Warren resumed the command of his fleet in his flagship "Superbe," and continued active operations against the enemy. On the ninth of March in the next year, 1745, the sloop of war "Hind" arrived at Antigua from England. She brought despatches to Commodore Warren with orders "to proceed to Boston to concert measures for the annoyance of the enemy and His Majesty's service in North America." These orders were the result of a letter written by Governor Shirley to the Duke of Newcastle in November, 1744, that Acadia and the fisheries were in danger from the French, and that a fleet of war ships was necessary for their protection. When Governor Shirley had begun his preparations, late in January, 1745, he wrote Warren at Antigua for naval aid in his expedition. On receipt of his letter Warren called a council of his officers to consider it. Though very desirous to do so, the council decided that without orders from England they had no right to detach any of the squadron from its station, and Warren so wrote Shirley. Two or three days only after Warren's answer had been sent, the "Hind" arrived with the despatches just mentioned, and Commodore Warren at once sailed for Boston with three of his fleet, the "Superbe," the "Mermaid," and the "Launceston." Within thirty leagues of that port he met a schooner from which he learned that Shirley's expedition had already sailed for Canseau, and immediately bore up for that place. Arriving there on the 23d of April, 1745, he communicated his orders to Pepperrell, who was there encamped, to the intense satisfaction of that general and his army. Receiving a complimentary reply, Warren, without landing, at once sailed to blockade the entrance to the harbour of Louisbourg, about