

to; but upon examining into the State of the Provisions on board the Men of War and Transports, it was found there was but ten Weeks at short Allowance in the former, and in the latter much less, so that it was unanimously agreed not any thing of that kind could be undertaken, but that it was necessary the Squadron and Transports should proceed to *Great Britain*, since they had but barely Provisions sufficient for the Voyage, and that there was not any Prospect of a Supply from *New England*, the Season of the Year being too far advanced for navigating safely in those Parts of the World. At this Council of War there were, besides the Sea-Officers of the last, General *Hill*, Colonel *Charles Churchill*, Colonel *William Windresse*, Colonel *Campensfelt*, Colonel *Clayton*, Colonel *Kirke*, Colonel *Disney*, Colonel *Kane*, together with Colonel *Vetch*, and Colonel *Walton*, who commanded the Forces raised in *New England*.

*Agreed not
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Pursuant to what was thus determined in *Spanish River*, he sailed the 16th of *September*, and arrived at *St. Helen's* the 9th of *October*; and thus ended an Expedition so chargeable to the Nation, and from which no Advantage could reasonably be expected, considering how unadvisedly it was set on Foot by those who nursed it up upon fallacious Suggestions, and Representations; besides, it occasioned the drawing from our Army in *Flanders*, under Command of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, at least six thousand Men, where, instead of beating up and down at Sea, they might, under his auspicious Conduct, have done their Country Service. Nay, there may be added to the Misfortunes abroad, an unlucky Accident which happen'd even at their Return on our own Coast; for a Ship of the Squadron, called the *Edgar*, of 70 Guns, had not been many Days at an Anchor at *Spithead*, e'er (by what Cause is unknown) she blew up, and all the Men which were on board her perished.

*Sir Hovenden
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Observation:

CHAP. XXXIII.

Containing an Account of Sir Hovenden Walker's Proceedings with a Squadron in the West-Indies; with the Attempts made by the French on our Plantations of Antegoa and Montferat, and an Account of a terrible Hurricane at Jamaica.

HAVING already acquainted you that some time after *Sir Hovenden Walker* returned from the before-mentioned unfortunate Expedition, he was sent out with a Squadron to the *West-Indies* to relieve Commodore *Littleton*, it may not be improper in this Place to accompany him from, and to *Great Britain* again, after which I shall treat of what happen'd remarkable in the *Channel*, and last of all