

It was to be pushed on, would admit of a Participation of Councils with the other Colonies in the Formation and Direction of it: The Length of Time, it would have taken up before all the Governments concerned would have agreed, first upon the Expediency of the Attempt, afterwards upon their respective Quota's of Troops and other Expence, the Plan to be form'd, the Partition of Command in the Execution of it, and other Points, would in all Probability have rendered the Scheme abortive; whereas, when the voting of every thing requisite for carrying the Attempt on in the best manner centered in the Assembly of *one* Province, whose Governor had the Direction of the whole, there was a fair Prospect of succeeding in it: It was besides an easier Task to bring the other Colonies to accede to an Expedition, in which they were deeply interested, after it was resolved upon, and undertaken by the *Massachusetts Government*, than to induce them to a Concurrence in it at first, as Principals: But if every one of the other Governments had failed to assist in it, as some of them in fact did, the *Massachusetts* was determined to have taken the *whole* Burthen of prosecuting it upon themselves.

The Governments, which joined with the *Massachusetts Bay* in this Expedition, were those of *Connecticut*, *New Hampshire*, and *Rhode Island*; the first voted 500 Men for the Service, upon Condition that the *Massachusetts* Governor