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Admiral BOSCAWEN: Tho' indeed their grand Scheme seems to be broke by the seasonable Arrival of the English Squadron upon this Coast.

Great Part of these Observations are taken from Memorials and other Papers of his Excellency Governor SHIRLEY, which he was so kind as to put into the Author's Hands; neither hath he made less free with any other Papers he could get into his Possession.

The first Part of a Treatise upon the present State of North-America, lately published in London, wrote with the greatest Perspicuity, Judgment and Spirit, (for which every Englishman is greatly obliged to the ingenious Author) did not come into my Hands, till the greatest Part of this was printed off. Had I seen it before, it would have induced me, in some Measure, to have altered my Plan. But though the Author hath greatly superseded me, by exactly ascertaining the Boundaries of the British and French Territories in North-America, and by giving an Account of the more early Encroachments of the French upon the British Rights and Possessions, and going into many other Things beyond my Design (which I was in Hopes some such able Hand would do) I still flatter my self the following Observations may have some good Effect towards promoting the British Interest.

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