

to relieve *Minorca*, yet declares he will sail up there to form a Judgment whether it would be safe for him to fight or not. The formidable Account he gives of the Force of the *French*, and wishing he had arrived there before they had Landed (in order it may be presumed to shelter himself under the Cannon of the Fort) were but too sure Presages of his Behaviour in the Day of Battle: And thus his Care to clean his Ships, instead of fighting them, is easily accounted for.

TO conclude; you are, I hope, Sir, satisfied, by this *clear, reasonable* and *partial* State of the Case, that the Ministry are not in the least accountable for the Loss of *Minorca*: That, on the contrary, they sent out a Fleet to its Relief, consisting of thirteen large Ships, besides Frigates, *well manned, victualled and cleaned*, with a proper