

tempt, not even to send in a letter! And the garrison of Fort St. Philip's never knew that he had engaged the French at all, till they were informed of it forty days afterwards by the French themselves. His advocate goes on to quote more—"For though we may justly claim the victory." This victory then was gained by six ships only; the other six of his own squadron not having been suffered to engage, till two of them broke away from their stations to prevent the Intrepid from being either sunk or taken. One cannot recal this scene without feeling some emotions of honest indignation. Had he beat the French, had he given the *whole* British squadron a chance for doing it, Minorca had still been ours; and he had brought back to England a marshal of France, with his army, our prisoners.

Whether the word "cover" Gibraltar was omitted or not, is immaterial to Mr. Byng's vindication. It is besides glaringly absurd. Does he not say, in his letter of the 25th of May, "that he had gained a victory?" Did not some other hand, who has put his anger into tolerable English in a second letter, dated July 4. say  
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