

A. D. 1757. enemy was permitted to execute every plan, without opposition: and, if it may be equitable to judge from circumstances, that can be proved by

Treachery suspected.

Fleet delayed.

events; there was great reason to suspect that Mr. PITT's plan against Louisbourg, was not kept with that secrecy, amongst the parties entrusted with its destination, as becomes a cabinet-council: nor carried so unanimously in the cabinet, as to prevent any private intrigue to render it abortive. For, the equipment of this armament was by one means or other delayed till it was too late, either to attack Louisbourg, or to favour any plan of operations by Lord Loudon and the Provincials, on the continent of North America. This fleet did not get from Cork before the 8th of May; and then, instead of Admiral Hawke, it sailed under the command of Admiral Holbourne. Our attention to the security of our settlements in North America might be easily foreseen by the French. But the plan for taking Louisbourg, which we shall see was the principal object of the French armament at this conjuncture to prevent, could scarce have entered their thoughts, had it not been intimated to the enemy; and, perhaps, as soon as it had been resolved upon at St. James's; or it would have been impossible to have provided so expeditiously for its defence.

Attack of Louisbourg being resolved upon.

The resolution to attack Louisbourg, at the same time the French were to be driven from the Ohio, and their other encroachments on the continent of North America, was taken soon after his Majesty committed the direction of his national affairs

affair
beg
mas
of
utm
and
force
from
body
M. d
Indie
quart
into
This
ships,
the be
warlik
lon; e
braltar
June.
the 3d
parted
Bois de
diers o
arrived
as the
place of
both th
enemy,
vigorou
any hop