

turn for assisting the Rebels, could we be so stupid as to think that a People who live on Plunder, would be bound, by any Laws of Gratitude? Or, in Times of Scarcity, be persuaded by any moral Considerations, to spare their Benefactors?

With Respect to the Secret Expedition, this may be said in Favour of the Design, and to the Honour of those that formed it; Had we been successful, and destroyed the Shipping at *Rochelle* or *Rockfort*, the *French* would not have been able to send a new Fleet into *America* in the Spring, because their Artificers must have been employed in repairing the Loss. But why, then, was not this useful Design put in Execution? Was it impossible to land the Men, or to make an Im-  
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