

“ Opportunity, which then offered, for at-
 “ tempting the *Reduction* of the Island of Cape
 “ *Breton*.

“ That the Captain-General should be de-
 “ fired to issue his Proclamation for the inlist-
 “ ing 3,000 Volunteers (which they increased
 “ after to 3,250), for that Purpose, under such
 “ Officers as he should appoint.

“ That Provision should be made for fur-
 “ nishing the necessary warlike Stores for the
 “ Expedition.

“ That four Months Provisions should be
 “ laid in.

“ That a Committee should be appointed to
 “ procure fit Vessels to serve as Transports, to
 “ be ready to depart the Beginning of *March*.

“ That a suitable Naval Force should be
 “ provided for their Convoy, as the General
 “ Court should thereafter order.

“ And that Application should be forthwith
 “ made to the Governments of *New York*,
 “ *New Jersey*, *Pensilvania*, *New Hampshire*,
 “ *Connecticut*, and *Rhode Island*, to furnish their
 “ respective Quota's of Men and Vessels to ac-
 “ company or follow the Forces of the Pro-
 “ vince.”

From these Resolves it appears, that this Expedition was *undertaken* by the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* before it was known, whether any of the other Colonies would assist them in it; and upon this Circumstance in a great measure depended the Success of it; neither the Dispatch nor Secrecy, with which
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