

“ Opportunity, which then offered, for attempting the *Reduction* of the Island of Cape Breton.

“ That the Captain-General should be desired to issue his Proclamation for the enlisting 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 furnishing 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 accompany or follow the Forces of the Province.”

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 it