

be granted, that if they were purposely sent out unequal to the Attempt, that that Behaviour would be but little better than dooming them a Sacrifice. On the sixth of *May* the *French* Fleet, consisting of Twenty-five Ships of the Line, ten of which were employed as Transports, their lower-deck guns being taken out; the rest fully armed, sailed from *Brest* for *North-America*.

In consequence of the Intelligence that this Fleet was sailed, and the Number of it, Admiral *Holbourne* was dispatched with six Ships of the Line and one Frigate, and sailed from off *Plymouth* the sixteenth of *May*, being nineteen Days after Mr *Boscawen*, and ten after the sailing of the *French* Fleet, to join the *English* Admiral.

THIS Reinforcement is an undeniable Proof that the *M—y* was absolutely unacquainted with the Number of Ships equipping at *Brest*, for this Expedition, before their sailing; otherwise can it be presumed they would not have sent a greater Number of Ships with Mr *Boscawen* at first, since many more were ready for the Sea; or would they have sent the Reinforcement by Mr *Holbourne* at all, if they had known