

Letter his Justification for not returning to *Minorca* after the Battle, the Ships being so greatly damaged, the Sickness of the Sailors, and no Hospital-ship? his not being able to preserve *St. Philip's*, from having no Soldiers? his doing all he could for the Citadel, before the *French* appear'd in Sight? and the great Damage he had received from the heavier Weight of Metal, and Inferiority of his Ships? Other Parts would have told you of the neglected State of *Gibraltar*; the Admiral's Resolution of returning to seek the Enemy as soon as refitted; and how necessary in his Opinion and in fact, a Reinforcement was towards Success in relieving *Mahon*; and lastly, his retiring to cover *Gibraltar*; which made one of the Articles of his Orders. Are not these Omissions then so many Proofs that Mr. *Byng's* *supposed* Errors were to be augmented, and their own *real Ones* excused?

IN the same Sentiments of preserving the Idea of Mr. *Byng's* Delinquency, before the Eyes of the People, and themselves from being observed; it was reported, he had sold forty thousand Pounds out of the Stocks: with a View of insinuating, that he set out with a Determination never to return. That
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