

maintain a sure Correspondence between the Army and the Cities of *Philadelphia*, *Annapolis*, and *Williamsburg*. But as it was impossible to find Forage beyond the Mountains, before the latter End of *April*, he resolved not to begin his Expedition till that Time.

In the Interim no Time was lost : The General had begun with shutting up the Forts, in order, says he, *that no Provisions may be carried to the Enemy*. To this was added another Advantage, of keeping all Things secret, while they raised Recruits, transported the Artillery, and formed Magazines of all necessary Provisions and Munitions. General *Braddock* and Commodore *Keppel* continually communicated to each other their Views and Projects : The latter furnished some Cannon, of which the Land-Army had not a sufficient Number. These two principal Men were divided in one single Point, which was, how they should treat the *French*, whom they were quite sure of taking. The King of *England* had ordered them to be put on board the Fleet and sent to *France*. M. *Keppel*, who had not been apprized, but by General *Braddock*, of that Resolution, found it a very nice Affair for him. Hitherto he had followed simply the Directions of the Court, yet he was well assured of the Desire of the Nation. He wanted however, to have it in his Power to justify himself, in case the Nation should one Day disapprove of these Violences, so contrary to the Law of Nations, and, therefore, he demanded of the General to send him positive Orders.

As the Number of the Forces could not be too great with which they intended to fall upon *Canada*, on the one Hand, the Governors had Orders to receive all *French* Deserters, to treat them well, and to furnish them with every Thing that they wanted : On the other Hand, Pains were taken to acquaint the *Indians* on *Ohio*, that the *English* had no other Design, but to defend them against the Encroachments of the *French* : And the Governors of the Provinces did not fail to press them to repair to *Wills-Creek*, on the Frontiers of *Virginia*. However, we can say

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