

gacity, as the little Success which they have obtained in the Voyage. The just Reward of these Men then, is the Dishonour of planning an Expedition that, through the Ignorance of what Numbers the Enemies Squadron was formed, would in all human Probability have been the Perdition of two *English* Fleets, and Thousands of brave Men and useful Subjects of *Great Britain*.

BUT as there may be *Englishmen* who, prompted by national Prejudice, believe that Admiral *Boscawen* with his eleven Ships was a Match for *Macnamara* and five and twenty *French* Men of War; let us, supposing this to be true, examine the Prudence with which, under this Idea, the Expedition was conducted.

FIRST it is a self-evident Truth, that there can be no Evidence or Intelligence of a Fleet's sailing to any Part of the Globe, equally certain with that of its leaving the Port in which it is equipt; the first, however well founded it may be in the Opinion and Judgment of an Enemy, can in its Nature be no more than casual and the Height of Probability; the second must be Demonstration and Necessity.

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