

the Year Fifty-six were expected to be managed with the greatest Vigour and Dispatch. But whoever expected it, was surely deceived! The same dilatory Spirit still lulling our Councils, and retarding our Action. Nor will this Complaint appear unjust, when it is considered, that the Supplies sent to *America* were not embarked till the latter End of *April*; that the General appointed to command the Forces, and who, therefore, should have been at their Head as early as possible, did not go forward till a Month after these; and several of the Officers and the Ammunition, not till a Month after him. The discreet Method of shipping the Ammunition is so well known, that it need not be mentioned.

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