

“ *Mediterranean*, in the month of *December*
 “ 1755, consisted of one ship of 60 guns, two
 “ of 50 guns, four frigates, and one sloop ; and
 “ that the garrison of fort *Saint Philip*, in the
 “ said month of *December*, according to the last
 “ returns, made the 31st of *July* 1755, consisted
 “ of 2860 men (officers included) and that it
 “ doth appear, that no greater number of ships
 “ of war could be sent into the *Mediterranean*
 “ than were sent on the 6th of *April* 1706, nor
 “ any greater reinforcement than the regiment
 “ which was sent, and the detachment equal
 “ to a battalion, which was ordered to the relief
 “ of fort *Saint Philip*, consistently with the
 “ state of the navy, and the various services
 “ essential to the safety of his Majesty’s domi-
 “ nions, and the interest of his subjects.”

RESOLUTIONS ! which I presume were not
 taken by the whole house : and should it ap-
 pear that the minority in the debate were
 members of the greatest property and integrity,
 who have something of their own to lose, and
 are tenacious of the right and property of their
 constituents, and were of opinion that the loss
 of *Minorca* was principally owing to the not
 sending an earlier and stronger naval force into
 the *Mediterranean*, than that, which failed under
 admiral *Byng* ; to the delay of not sending any
 reinforcements of troops to that island, till the
 departure of the said admiral ; to the suffering
 the officers belonging to the garrison to continue
 absent