

it, (for which I think there is no room) might they not have been strengthened with 1000 New England Irregulars, many of whom, with their Officers, would have been of singular service, from the experience they had gained in the last Expedition against Cape Breton ; and if occasion had required, might they not have been still further strengthened with some Troops, which might have been *then* spared from Nova Scotia ?

For my own part ; when the accounts first appeared in the prints, that a secret Expedition was to be made from New York with 6000 Troops, (which it was conjectured were destined against Cape Breton) the notion I entertained, that they would have proceeded to Louisbourg very early in the Spring, and landed before the arrival of the French squadron there, (as the New England men did in 1745) was so striking a circumstance in favour of the Enterprize, that I had no doubt of the success of it.

The letter - writer concludes with saying,
 “ That they (meaning the *General* and *Admiral*)
 “ are both by this time much better acquainted
 “ with every thing necessary to the success of the
 “ Expedition, than any other *Commander*, who
 “ can be sent out : nor is it to be hoped, that
 “ *Lord Loudoun's* successor, whoever he be, will
 “ have near so much influence over the North
 “ Americans ; which is a very material point :
 “ I wish to God, our ministers saw this matter
 “ in the same light, in which it appears evidently to, Dear Sir, &c.”

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