

ing, and it might be attended with bad Consequences, as a Squadron of the Enemy's Ships were daily expected at *Martinique*."

" They therefore unanimously agreed, and gave it as their Opinions, that it would be most for his Majesty's Service for Commodore *Warren* to send the *North America* stationed Ships away to their respective Stations, and remain there himself in the *Superbe*, till Answers could return to his Expresses from *England* by the *Mercury*, whom, it was their Advice to send away immediately with the Account of the unhappy Accident that had befallen the *Weymouth*, and Copies of *Governor Shirley's* Letters and Schemes, in order to receive their Lordships Directions thereupon."

This Pacquet arriv'd at *Boston* the Day before the *New England* Fleet sailed from thence for *Louisbourg*, at which time the Governor was not certain that the Expedition would be supported with any of his Majesty's Ships; and as the Contents of it, if publickly known, could have had no good Effect for his Majesty's Service at that critical Conjunction, he did not think it adviseable to communicate them to the General Assembly, or any Person whatever except the Commander in Chief of the Expedition, and the General Officer then next in Command to him.

A few Days after Mr. *Warren* had dispatched the Express Boat back to *New England*,