

Forces in North America, that his Majesty had there, before the arrival of the new-raised Highlanders, and 6000 troops last sent from Ireland, about 13,000, and has now upon that Continent upwards of 21,000 *Regular* troops; and we have undoubted accounts lately come from Quebec, that the French themselves do not compute their *Regular* troops in all Canada at more than 3000, nor those at *Louisbourg* to exceed 2500; so that we have a superiority of regular forces there on the side of the English, which, with the Irregulars, that the *Colonies* could and would readily raise upon such an occasion, seems sufficient, if *rightly* directed, to drive the French out of North America.

As to his *free* Reflections upon the *Ministers* for slighting the information which, he says, they had certainly received long before Mr. *Holbourn* sailed from *Spithead*, “ that *Beaufremont* was ordered to *Louisbourg*,” and his conclusion from thence, “ that the naval force sent to take *Louisbourg* was too *small*,” one would be naturally led by them to think, that the French fleet was, upon *Beaufremont*’s junction of Mr. *Revest*, superior to Mr. *Holbourn*; whereas it appears by the Letter-writer’s own list of the English and French ships, that Mr. *Holbourn* was much superior to *them*, so that there was no reason for augmenting his squadron: as to Mr. *la Motthe*, it is evident from the list, that he did not join Mr. *Revest* and Mr. *Beaufremont* at *Louisbourg* till 25 days after their arrival there; so that it seems most probable, that the destination of *his* squadron for *Louisbourg* was not determined upon by the French ministers themselves, till some time after; and there