

It appears then self-evident that the sending this Admiral could have answered no other Purpose than destroying two Fleets instead of one, and sacrificing more of their Countrymen to the God of War, on the Altar of Ignorance.

THE Escape then with which these two Fleets have been favoured, and the Success which the first obtained in taking two *French* Men of War, inconsiderable as it is, cannot with the least Appearance of Justice be attributed to the ill-plann'd Designs of those who sent them on the Expedition. Can those Men be intitled to Praise for an Error in Judgment, in the *French* Admiral's Return, of which they knew nothing? and who, if he had proceeded on the whole Voyage to *America*, would in all Probability have ruined the two Fleets of *England*, sent as they were, one after the other, on this Expedition? With what Propriety then can this unforeseen Event be imputed to the Fore-thought of those who preside in military and naval Affairs; shall the Advantage of Accidents, unimagined, be laid to the Account of their Penetration and Wisdom? as well may you attribute the Winds which blew the Fleet to the Coast of *America* to their Sagacity,