"November 1755, receive orders from his "Majesty, to repair to Minorca, in order to be "affistant to lieutenant general Blakeney, then "commanding his Majesty's forces in that island, "and that on the 3d of February following "the colonels of the several regiments then in "Minorca, received an order from his Majesty, "to send all the absent officers of their re"spective regiments to their duty there, except fuch as it should be necessary to keep in Great "Britain on the recruiting service.

" Resolved,

"THAT it appears to this committee, that on the 28th of *March* 1756, a detachment, with proper officers, equal to a battalion, was ordered to be fent from *Gibraltar*, to be landed for the relief of *Minorca*.

" Refolved,

"THAT it appears to this committee, that on the 30th of March 1756, orders were given for raising a company of miners, confishing of 200 men, and on the 7th of May 1756, directions were given for sending three more battalions for the reinforcement of the garrison of fort Saint Philip.

" Refolved,

"THAT it appears to this committee, that the squadron of his Majesty's ships in the "Medi-