

A. He conceives, that is contained in the Minutes of the Council of War of the 25th, among the Reasons assigned for the Opinion of that Council; but in regard to what passed at that Council, he informed the Court, that he took very exact Minutes, which he has now with him, and he laid the same before the Court, in Words following; viz.

- ‘ Sir *Edward Hawke*’s Instructions read, dated 5th *August*, 1757, as far as is found practicable (*Quere*, Intelligence if to be considered, or believed before Trial.)
- ‘ Sir *John Mordaunt*’s Instructions read — conformable to the other — dated 3d *August*.
- ‘ Letter from Sir *John Mordaunt* to Mr. Secretary *Pitt*, dated 11 *August*, 10 o’Clock at Night, Isle *Wight*, — regarding contrary Winds preventing the sudden Execution of his Majesty’s Instructions.
- ‘ Mr. Secretary *Pitt*’s Answer read, dated 13th *August*, — clear, as to Power of judging.
- ‘ Mr. Secretary *Pitt*’s Letter to Sir *Edward Hawke*, dated 15th *September*, — urging the Attempt for the Destruction of *Rocheport*, and clear as to Limitation of time.
- ‘ D<sup>o</sup> to Sir *John Mordaunt* — D. D.
- ‘ Report — Admiral *Brodrick*.
- ‘ On Examination of Col. *Clerk*, all that could be gathered is, that the Army are to march up to see, if *Rocheport* can be escalated or not, but that all opening of Trenches for carrying on of a regular Siege were not in his Plan for attacking it.
- ‘ *Bonville* — a Ditch.
- ‘ Pilot *Neptune* — a Ditch and Sluices.
- ‘ Prisoners — Ditto — & *Contra*, and worked on Fortifications about a Fortnight.
- ‘ 12 Broke up, — unfinished.