

This Council of War ought not, however, to be look'd upon in the same Light as some of those Councils of Peace which have been held upon our *European* Expeditions. Had *Holborne* inconsiderately risqued a Battle with the Enemy, he might, in all human Probability, have been conquered, and the Consequences of that Defeat would have been terrible indeed: The Transports, with upwards of ten Thousand Land-Forces on board, would have been taken or destroyed, and *New York*, and perhaps *North America*, had been lost in Consequence of that Event. The Courage of the Admiral was never doubted. After the Land-Forces were dismissed, he was determined himself to see the Strength of the  
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