

jects of his Majesty's Arms ; and it is Ordered, that an Attempt should be made, successively, on both, or either, of those Places, as should be *judged practicable*, or on *any other Place* that should be thought *most advisable*, from *Bordeaux* homeward to *Havre* : the Judgment of the Practicability being evidently intended to be made, upon the Spot, by the one Article, and not so, by the other.

As to the several Arguments, which go to the Impracticability of a Descent only, he submitted to the Consideration of the Court, whether they are not altogether defeated by the subsequent Resolution of the 28th of *September*, whereby the landing is determined not only to be practicable, but advisable, and to be made with all possible Dispatch ; especially as no material Intelligence had in the mean Time been gained, which shewed Fort *Fouras* to be more assailable on the Land-side, than they had before Reason to apprehend.

He also recommended an Attention to the Dates of the several Resolutions and Proceedings, as nothing but what was anterior to the Council of War of the 25th, and known at that Time to the Commanders, can be considered as having any Effect upon that Deliberation, and therefore on the one Hand, all Troops seen from the *Viper* Sloop,—the most considerable Number (being from 800 to 1000) seen by Major General *Conway*,—and all other Obstacles subsequent to the Date of the 25th, will be laid out of the Case ; as will on the other Hand the Confirmation of Lieutenant Colonel *Clerk's* Opinion, obtained from the *French Engineer*, on the 26th ; which Circumstance alone, supposing the Resolution taken on the 25th, of laying aside the Design upon *Roche fort*, to have been justifiable and right, can hardly be insisted upon as a sufficient Motive for reviving that Consideration.

ADJOURNED till *Monday*, the 19th Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

MONDAY,