

his propofal to guard Newfoundland from any fuch attempt, had been neglected.

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We fhould be forry to believe, that any British fubject could fecretly rejoice at this tranfaction in favour of their natural enemy: but it is too public

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to be denied, that the advocates for a peace were more than ordinary alert upon this occafion. It is true; the miniftry ordered a fquadron and fome forces to be got ready for that fervice: but thofe orders were fo delayed, that Newfoundland muft have remained in the hands of France at the commencement of the treaty, to our great difadvantage, had not Sir Jeffery Amherft, the commander in chief in North America, *of his own accord*, detached a fufficient force to drive them away. Sir

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Jeffrey, at New York, informed of this national misfortune, detached his brother, Colonel Amherft, before he received any orders from Europe, with a body of troops to join Lord Colville, who was ftationed with one fhip of the line and one frigate only, at Halifax. This junction was happily effected on the 11th of September, a few leagues to the fouth of St. John's, his Lordfhip having failed, with his two fhips, to reconnoitre the coaft of Newfoundland before the colonel reached Halifax. Next day they landed their troops in Torbay, about three leagues from St. John's; it not being poffible to land at Kitty Vitty, where the enemy had ftopt up the narrow entrance by finking fhallops in the channel. The enemy fired on the boats, as the troops landed:

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