

Darkness and Fogs on the Banks of *Newfoundland*, that Mr *Holbourne* might have suffered the same Fate eleven Days after, the very Time of his arriving at these Parts. I mean, if the surrounding Obscurity had not saved the *English* Fleet, as it has the *French*.

SUCH was the probable Presumption when Mr *Holbourne* quitted the *English* Coast, and such would have been the fatal Event, if *Macnamara* had continued the Voyage and Mr *Boscawen* had met and engaged him. Judge then how pernicious this Ignorance of the Number of the Enemy's Fleet would have proved to this once illustrious Nation, had Things fallen out as our M——rs originally designed it.

It is extremely difficult to assign any Reason for Mr *Holbourne*'s being dispatched at all to join Admiral *Boscawen*, the very Distance in the Times of sailing of these Fleets rendered it improbable that he could join the first Admiral before the Engagement between him and *Macnamara* must have been totally decided, as is manifest by the Event of his joining Mr *Boscawen*.