

reinforce Admiral *Byng* : which did not arrive at *Gibraltar*, before his return from the glorious action of the 20th of *May*, and the surrender of *Fort St. Philip's*.

MIGHT not therefore the impartial reader of the foregoing intelligence and accounts, instead of adhering to the resolutions recited at the beginning of this pamphlet, discover, with greater certainty,

THAT so early as the 14th of *April* 1755, ten ships of the line were ordered to be equipped at *Toulon*, and that from the 25th of *August* 1755, they went on equipping a fleet without intermission, till the siege of *Minorca* was over, which fleet by undoubted advices to the admiralty in *September* 1755, would consist of twelve ships of the line ready to put to sea in two months, and seven more of the line would be ready in the spring, and none of the subsequent accounts ever made the *Toulon* fleet less than twelve ships of the line, but most of the intelligence made them more against the spring.

THAT so early as the 27th of *August* 1755, Consul *Banks* of *Cartagena*, advised Sir *Thomas Robinson* of the arrival of one hundred and eighty battalions in *Roussillon* designed against *Minorca*, which advice, added to all reports and suspicions, founded upon a variety of circumstances