

apt to believe that his not pursuing, was rather owing to the little Confidence he had in the Troops over whom he commanded ; and here, I protest, that in my humble Apprehension, it's no good Policy to send raw and undisciplined Forces, I mean Soldiers, who have not been accustomed with Battles, to make good such desperate Settlements ; and I can well remember what a poor Figure Col. *Lascelle's* Regiment, now stationed in *Nova Scotia*, made at the Battle of *Preston-pans* in 1745 ; but as this is too delicate a Point, I shall not further enlarge upon it.

'Tis easy to imagine what a mighty Consternation was raised in *Hallifax*, upon hearing the Report of the Guns about the Dawn of the Morning ; every one got up and run to the Beach, *i. e.* the Sea-Shore, while forty or fifty Men, twenty of whom were Grenadiers, were put on Board of three large Boats under the Command of Captain *Murray*, and Lieutenant *Auchterlony* ; their Passage was abundantly quick, but not so quick as to intercept the Maroders, who had plied their Heels and escaped ; the Troops

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