

little Governments should be able by their own Strength, and at their own Charge, to perform such great Things.

AND YET this is not all that must be said in their Defence. For as I have before observ'd, they have discover'd a noble Zeal to enlarge the *British* Empire, by undertaking several chargeable Expeditions against the strongest *French* Settlements in *America*. In the Year 1690 they made an Armament against *Port-Royal*, which was a Nest of Privateers, and a *Dunkirk* to the *American* Trade; besides that it was the Head Quarter, from whence Parties of *French* and *Indians* issued out, and fell upon the eastern Parts of *New-England*. They made themselves Masters of the Place with all the Country of *Accadie*, and Sir *William Phipps* who commanded in chief, administer'd to the Inhabitants an Oath of Allegiance to the Crown of *England*; in which State that Country remain'd 'till the Peace of *Ryswick*, when it was deliver'd up to the *French*. The great Service done the Crown by this Acquisition, is now too well known to need being particularly mention'd.

THE *New-Englanders* being willing to pursue this good Success, made an Attempt against *Canada* the same Year, with a Fleet of thirty two Sail of Vessels, besides Tenders, having on Board two thousand Men, whilst at the same Time a little Army of a thousand *English* and fifteen hundred *Indians*, were to march by Land and attack *Mont-Real*. 'Tis true, they fatally miscarry'd, (and who can answer for the Fortune of War?) But this ought not to lessen the Merit of an Enterprize, which they so well intended, and by which they so greatly suffer'd. It cost an hundred and fifty thousand Pounds in Money, and what was infinitely more valuable, the Lives of a thousand Men. Nor were these Vagrants, such as are pickt up here in the Streets, and disorderly Houses, and thence press'd into the War, but Heads of Families, Artificers, and robust young Men, such as no Country can spare, and least of all new Settlements, where Labour is the dearest Thing in the World, because nothing so much wanted as Hands. They did not indeed fall by the Sword of the Enemy, if that could alleviate their Misfortune, but by a Camp Fever, by Famine, and various Disasters in their Return Home, occasion'd chiefly by the early Approach of a severe Winter, which made it impracticable for Provisions to follow them.

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