

An *English* Admiral then lay in *Louisbourg* Harbour with seven of his Majesty's Ships of the Line well appointed and strongly mann'd; and at the same time the Arrival of Admiral *Lestock* with the *English* Squadron and Armament from *England*; destined to be employed up the River *St. Lawrence* in the Expedition of *Canada*, was daily expected on the Coast; the *Massachusetts* Governor therefore, to give the former of these Admirals the best Intelligence, that could be obtained of the Strength of the *French* Squadron, sent a small Schooner to reconnoitre it in *Chebueto* Harbour, and carry him a distinct Account of it; which was executed; and from the Condition, in which it was found, it was thought by the best Judges, that the Ships, which the *English* Admiral had with him at *Louisbourg* were of sufficient Force to have attacked and destroyed the *French* Ships in *Chebueto*; which he was much pressed to attempt by a Sea Commander of great Distinction, then Governor of *Cape Breton*; and at the same time the *Massachusetts* Governor sent three small Vessels to cruize on several Parts of the Coast, in order to fall in with Admiral *Lestock's* Squadron, which was still expected in *America*, to give him Information of the *French* Ships, and pilot him into *Chebueto*; which must have secured the utter Destruction of the *French* Squadron.

During the Consternation, which the Appearance of the *Brest* Squadron at first occasioned,

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