

A. He did receive a Summons to attend a Council of War the next Day ; can't say now, what it contained.

Q. (By the Court) While they were at *Aix* on the 27th, was there any Consultation between the Generals and Admirals ?

A. They did at Times talk together, but the Deponent did not hear that Discourse ; there was no general Consultation.

VICE-ADMIRAL KNOWLES was again called in, and it being observed to Sir *John Mordaunt*, that the Minutes of the Council of War, which speak only in general Terms of " several Informations received of " Troops assembled in the Neighbourhood," would not be sufficient to establish any particular Intelligence, he might think material for his Defence ; Sir *John Mordaunt* desired, that his Question of Yesterday might again be proposed to Vice-Admiral Knowles, viz.

Q. Does he recollect any thing relating to a Report made to the Admiral by Captain *Proby*, of his having spoke to a Dutch Master, who informed him, that the French had made great Preparations at *Rochelle* and *St Martin's* ?

The Vice-Admiral answered, that he cannot particularly charge his Memory, who it was that was mentioned to have given the Report ; but that Sir *Edward Hawke* did deliver in several Papers of Intelligence, which he had gained during the Passage ; and amongst them mention was made of the Enemy's having Knowledge of their Approach ; and it was taken for granted at the Council of War of the 25th, that the French had Intelligence of their Designs ; and the Deponent is confirmed in their having a Knowledge of it at *Brest*, because he read several Letters taken in the *Emerald*, the *Southampton's* Prize, giving an Account thereof, and of what Preparations the French were making.

Being desired to explain his Answer, whether from the Intelligence he refers to, he understood, that the

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