

but then lately put upon the Stocks), the Transports were provided, the Provisions, Artillery, Ordnance, and other Stores shipp'd, the whole Armament equipped, and the Troops embarked at *Boston*, within seven Weeks after the Governor had issued his Proclamation for setting it on foot, and several of the armed Vessels were upon their Station before *Louisbourg*, many Days before, in order to hinder Intelligence or Supplies from getting in; and to prevent it's being sent from the Colonies Embargoes were laid, and every Precaution taken; and the Preparations were conducted with such Secrecy, that the first Notice, which the *French* had of the Attempt, was given them by the Appearance of the *English* in *Chapeau-Rouge Bay*.

The *Massachusetts Governor*, from the Beginning, depended on the Assistance of some of his Majesty's Ships in *North America*, and as soon as the Expedition was determined upon, sent an Express Boat to the late Sir *Peter Warren*, then *Commodore Warren*, at *Antigua*, acquainting him with it, and desiring his Assistance in it with such Ships, as could be spared from his Majesty's Service in the *Leeward Islands*; at the same time he informed the late Sir *Chaloner Ogle* of it, who was then upon the Point of returning Home from *Jamaica* with a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships, and propos'd to him to make *Louisbourg* in his Way; and as soon as the Troops were embarked, he acquainted his Majesty's Ministers