

The next necessary consideration respecting the trade and fishery of Newfoundland is (in my humble apprehension) how to secure it against the French. And I think there can be no way of doing it effectually, but by regaining the island of Breton from the French.

And in order thereto, 'tis propos'd,

That five ships, of 50 Guns each, with one or two old regiments, and proper artillery and warlike stores, should be sent from hence to Boston so early in the spring as to sail from thence the 20th of April 1745, for Cape-Breton, that being as soon, or sooner, than any vessels can arrive there from France.

That orders should be forthwith sent to all our North-American colonies, more especially New England and New York, directing the Governors there to make immediate preparation, by raising men, and disciplining of them, to be in readiness for an expedition, on the arrival of the said five men of war from hence at Boston.

That the men so raised should be commanded by some of his Majesty's experienced officers; that the officers under them in the respective regiments should be gentlemen of the country; that the troops be subsisted by the respective provinces; and that they be paid by his majesty, as his regular troops here.

That these troops leave Boston so as to reach the island of Breton by the time the five men of war may be off it at sea, in order to make an attack at once both by sea and land: and as there are no cannon commanding the entrance of Gaberose-Bay, which is within four miles of the rampart of Lewisburgh, the men of war, with the fleet, may safely ride there, and will prevent any assistance to the place by sea, while the troops by land do the like; so that the want of provisions may probably oblige them to surrender the place soon.

Some smaller, nimble men of war, or sloops, full of men, might at the same time be usefully employ'd in cruising on the banks of Newfoundland, and off the coast of North America, as well to secure our own, as to annoy the French, trade; and particularly to prevent their correspondence