

sequences; and they even attempted to set aside the evidence of that force in Louisbourg, which rendered the attack impracticable, by a falsehood as insolent in the contrivance, as it was easy of detection.

The state of the place, and strength of the enemy, on the knowledge of which the enterprize was suspended, were given by the French officers themselves, and intended for their sovereign. The account, on the strength of which they have endeavoured to invalidate it, was what they called the testimony of captain Goram. They were cunning to fix upon this name, for it had credit; and they were bold to use it: they had no right to his name, when they annexed it to their scandalous fiction.

'Tis certain captain Goram was sent out a second time, and that he returned with a second account of the strength of the enemy. But what that account was, they never knew or heard: they gave out in the place of it, such an account as might best suit their own bad purposes; and they produced for this the authority of a Jew, who declared he had received it from captain Goram at midnight, or before day break, the day succeeding his arrival.

This story was their own, and they could give it whatever circumstances would best suit their purpose. They varied nothing from that state of the enemy's force, which set it at the lowest: the Jew declared the French had only five ships