

pounders, a ten-inch mortar, a seven-^{1755.}
 inch hoyet, two royals, and five small
 swivel-hoyets, the vessels, whale-boats,
 and a competent number of battoes ;
 leaving behind him 700 effectives, two
 12 pounders, ten 6 pounders, six 3
 pounders, and eight cohorns.

THE council, upon this representa-
 tion, were unanimously of opinion, in
 answer to the several questions proposed,
 that the force intended for the Niagara
 expedition was sufficient: but with re-
 spect to Oswego, some imagined it would
 not be defensible: the majority, how-
 ever, were of contrary sentiments. All
 agreed, that a feint upon Frontenac,
 while his excellency was gone to Nia-
 gara, was by no means advisable. They
 universally concurred in opinion, that a
 fort ought to be erected on the west side
 of the old fort: and that it would be
 for his Majesty's service to prepare ma-
 terials for building one or more vessels,
 larger than any of those already upon the
 lake, capable of mounting ten 6 poun-
 ders, besides swivels, two more row-
 gallies, and 100 good whale-boats.

IN consequence of this advice, 600 Preparati-
 regulars were draughted, the artillery ons to pro-
 and ordnance-stores shipped on board ceed on
 the sloop Ontario, part of the provisions the Nia-
 on board the sloop Oswego, and the re-dition.