

known that Mr *Macnamara* would have returned with nine Ships of the Line; the Number of the *French* Fleet then, and the Part of it which was to return, were absolutely unknown to our M——y before it sailed; for the last they may be excused, but the Ignorance of the former is utterly unpardonable.

AFTER these three Fleets were sailed, let us now suppose that to happen, which our M——y had presumed and wished at Admiral *Boscawen*'s sailing might be the Event of their Orders; that is, that he might meet *Macnamara* with his Squadron of twenty-five Ships of the Line, sixteen of which were prepared for fighting, and the rest with their lower-deck Guns out, proceeding as the M——y believed at the Time of *Holbourne*'s sailing, for *North-America*.

WHAT would have been the Event of this Rencontre, since Mr *Boscawen* had received Orders to attack the *French*? I ask this Question of Men who can look with unprejudiced Eyes on the Merits of other Nations. With all the true Bravery, Prudence, and Knowledge of that Commander in naval Affairs, and those brave Captains joined with him