

THE Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* has been equally sollicitous to protect their Inhabitants by Sea, against any foreign Invasion. For this End they have kept their Militia well train'd and disciplin'd, and by an Act of Assembly oblig'd all Persons, under proper Penalties, to be well provided with Ammunition and Arms, that they might be ready in case of a sudden Descent from Abroad. *Boston*, which is their Capital Town, and principal Sea-Port, is fortify'd with two Batteries to the Sea, one at each End of the Town; and about a League from it, at the Entrance of the Harbour, there is a strong beautiful Castle, which is by far the finest Piece of military Architecture in the *British America*. It was built by Colonel *Romer*, a famous *German* Engineer, at the Country's Expence, and is call'd *Castle William*. It is a *Quarre* surrounded with a cover'd Way, and join'd with two Lines of Communication from the main Battery, as also a Line of Communication from the main Gate to the Redoubt, which is to prevent the Landing. It is well situated near the Channel, to hinder Ships from coming up to the Town, which must all come within Pistol-shot of this Battery. It is mounted with an Hundred Pieces of Cannon, several of which are plac'd on a Platform near high-water Mark, so as to rake a Ship fore and aft, before she can bring her Broad-sides to bear against the Castle, and some of these Cannon carry forty two Pounders. In Peace there is an independant Company of fifty or an hundred Men, I'm not certain which, that constantly are on Duty; but in Time of War five hundred able Men are exempted from all other military Duty, to attend the Service of the Castle at an Hour's Warning, upon any Signal given of the Approach of an Enemy. To prevent the Castle's being surpriz'd, there is a Light-House built on a Rock appearing above Water, two Leagues from the Town, which makes a Signal to the Castle of the Appearance of any Ships and their Number. The Castle again warns the Town, and if there be five Ships or more in Time of War, an Alarm is given to all the adjacent Countries by firing a Beacon. The Province has also a Galley or Frigate well man'd in Time of War, to guard the Coast from Privateers, and to convoy their Home Trade. In short, nothing that could be done for the Defence of the Subject by Sea or Land, has been left undone. It is really astonishing to consider, and difficult to believe, that these