

2. GOD then began in a remarkable Manner to hear our Prayers: In that when so many *Vessels* sail'd from *Hence* and from *New Hampshire* and *Connecticut*; in such a turbulent Time of the Year, thro' a Course of *Five Hundred Miles* on the Ocean; they every one arriv'd at *Canso*, the Place of Concourse, about *sixty Miles* on this Side *Cape-Breton*, without the Loss of more than *One Soldier* and *Three Seamen*, and but *Fifteen Sick*; and Time enough to meet together and refresh themselves, and get into Order for their Descent at *Louisbourg*.

3. It was remarkable also, that GOD was pleas'd to keep our Enemies *Shore* and *Harbour* environ'd with *Ice* longer than usual: So that none of their *Vessels* could enter nor go forth for Intelligence, 'till our *Twenty Gun Cruizers* (which our *Governor* sent above a *Fortnight* before the Rest of the Fleet) came Thither: And that some of *their Vessels* coming early to them, both before and after the Harbour was open, were happily intercepted and taken by *Ours*; whereby our *Enemies within* fail'd of their Supplies, and *We* were recruited by those *without*.

4. That by a most gracious, seasonable and wonderful Direction of GOD, thro' our *Governor's* Sollicitations the *Fall before*, the brave and active *Commodore Warren*, a great Friend to these Plantations, is ordered by the Government in *England*, to come immediately with *Three Men of War* from *Antego* to *Boston*: That on his Voyage hither near *Cape Sables*, he, on *April 12th*, met with a *Fisherman*, who inform'd him of our Army's being gone to *Canso* the *Week before*: That on board the *Fisherman* there was *One* of the best of *Pilots*, who had got out of the Way of our Committee of War, to avoid being press'd for the Service: That tho' the *Commodore* wanted fresh Provision and Cloaths for his Men in so cold a Climate and Season; he wisely consider'd the necessitous Case of our Army, took the *Pilot*, generously *tack'd about*, went after them, overtook them at *Canso*, to their great Joy; and instead of stopping, pass'd on to watch the *Harbour* of *Louisbourg*, that no Supply from *Canada*, *Martineco* or *France* might slip into it: *Without all which* a *64 Gun Ship*, with near *600 Men* and full of *Stores*, had entered, and this great Affair had been soon defeated.

5. That the *Commodore*, by the *Fisherman*, sent his Orders