

“ *Resolved,*

“ THAT it appears to this committee, that
 “ on the 8th *March* 1756, orders were given
 “ by the commissioners of the admiralty, to
 “ get ready ten ships of the line, for the *Medi-*
 “ *terranean*, and on the 11th of *March* 1756,
 “ orders were given by the commissioners of
 “ the admiralty to admiral *Byng*, to take the
 “ said ten ships of the line under his command,
 “ and fit them for sea, as soon as possible,
 “ and on the 27th of *March* 1756, the com-
 “ missioners of the admiralty were ordered to
 “ send ten ships of the line to the island of
 “ *Minorca*, which ships sailed on the 6th of
 “ *April* following, which ten ships at their
 “ sailing were fully manned, (including the royal
 “ regiment of fuzileers, sent on board to serve
 “ as part of their complement, and which was
 “ ordered to be landed at *Minorca*, in case the
 “ governor, or commander in chief of that
 “ island, should think it necessary for its de-
 “ fence,) and, as appears by a letter from the
 “ said admiral to the said commissioners, were
 “ in every respect ready for sailing.

“ *Resolved,*

“ THAT it appears to this committee, that
 “ on the 1st of *April* 1756, there were twenty-
 “ seven of his Majesty's ships of the line, cruiz-
 “ ing on the following services; that is to say,
 “ four-