

Passage, which had dispersed his Squadron at Sea; and not finding any of the rest there was so much affected with that and other Disasters of his Voyage, that he destroyed himself in two or three Days, and was buried privately upon a small Island in the Harbour: The Remainder of the *French* Ships except one or two, which were lost upon their Passage, arrived by degrees at *Chebucto*, a few Days after, in a shattered Condition, with the Men in a very sickly State; the Number of these Ships was so large, and their Force so great, that they had the Appearance of a very formidable Armament, and gave a general Alarm along the whole Coast as far Westward as *New York*: A Visit being daily expected from them at *Boston*, the Governor, within three Days, drew 8 or 10,000 of the Militia of the Province thither to oppose the landing of Troops; and the Assembly, upon this Occasion, gave him an unlimited Power to strengthen the Works at *Castle William*, and do whatever he should think necessary for the immediate Defence of the Harbour; in consequence of which, Preparations were made for blocking up the Entrance of the Channel there, and to give the Ships a proper Reception in their Approach to the Town; and within a very few Weeks such additional Works were made to *Castle William*, as have rendered it, for its Extent, the most considerable Fortress by Sea in his Majesty's *American* Dominions.