

The <i>Formidable</i> ,	90
<i>Heros</i> ,	74
<i>Palmier</i> ,	74
<i>Inflexible</i> ,	64
<i>Veille</i> ,	64
<i>Aigle</i> ,	50
Frigates, <i>Amethyst</i> ,	30
<i>Fleur de Lis</i> ,	30
<i>Heroine</i> ,	30 ^x

and that there were in *Brest* harbour thirteen ships of the line, and four frigates; besides eight ships of the line, and four frigates more fitting out; and to be joined by four ships from *Rochfort*.

M. *de Cofne* on the 28th of *May* writes, that these *nine* ships were victualling for six months: and that he believed they would sail only to cruise about the *Streights* mouth off of *Gibraltar*: and that they accordingly set sail on the fourth of *June*, under the command of M. *Du*

^x These were not expected to return so soon. They conveyed the divisions of M. *de la Mothe*, and of M. *de Salvert*, to the first meridian. The ships armed *en flutes* were destined for *Canada*, and to land in *Gaspé-bay*, in order to make diversion towards *Acadia*, at the same time that the troops on the *Ohio* advance on the side of *Virginia*. See B. 2. in Lord *Holdernefs's* office. M. *de Cofne* adds, These transports, after landing the troops at *Louisbourg*, will return full armed, having stowed the rest of their guns as ballast: and *Macnamara* has orders to meet them.