

ship or ships of war whatever were sent to reinforce the said squadron, nor any recruits, nor reinforcements whatever to the said garrison till the sailing of the squadron under Admiral *Byng*, on the 6th of *April* 1756. That it appears that a greater number of ships of war could have been sent into the *Mediterranean*, than those sent on the 6th of *April* 1756.

THAT on the 30th of *March* 1756, and not before, orders were given for raising a company of miners, and on the 7th of *May*, in a letter from Mr. *Fox*, being after the commencement of the siege of fort *St. Philip's*, directions were given for sending three more battalions, for the reinforcement of that garrison.

THAT it appears that the repeated advices received by the government, of the beginning, progress, and destination of the fleet, equipping at *Toulon* in the years 1755 and 1756, and that the not sending an earlier and stronger naval force to the *Mediterranean* than that which sailed under Admiral *Byng* (notwithstanding as above) were some of the principal causes of the loss of *Minorca*.

THAT it appears that the delaying to send any reinforcement of troops to the island of *Minorca*, till the departure of Admiral *Byng* on the 6th of *April* 1756, the suffering the officers