

1707. the Council, which would be imparted to him in season.

Resolution
of the
Council of
Boston.

In fact the Governor-General of New England convoked in haste all the deputies of the cities and towns, depending on the Parliament of Boston, warmly showed them that the nation was forever dishonored, unless they avenged the affront just received by Colonel Mark before Port Royal. He offered to go in person, vowing that he would die sooner than not reduce Acadia to the Queen's rule.

The Assembly decided that it was inexpedient for him to head the expedition in person; that it sufficed to reinforce the fleet with five or six hundred men, and three large ships; three of the chief members of the Parliament embarking with the Governor-General's son, recently appointed her Majesty's Attorney-General. It confirmed Colonel Mark in command, declaring him publicly justified of the charges brought against him, and creating him, in advance, Governor of Acadia.¹

The
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fleet
much
reinforced,
returning
to Port
Royal.

The preparations for this new expedition were made with a celerity corresponding with the hopes entertained, and on Sunday, August 20th, about ten in the morning, the English fleet appeared at the mouth of the Basin of Port Royal, with as favorable a wind as they could desire. At two o'clock in the afternoon they came to anchor in fine order out of reach of shells. This unexpected sight² spread consternation through the fort, and although the garrison had been reinforced by the crew of a royal

¹ March was named commander, but Colonel Hutchinson, Colonel Townsend and Mr. Leverett, members of the Council, were sent with as full power to superintend and direct as the Governor in person would have. Col. Hutchinson makes the force 743. After stopping at Passamaquoddy, March's health and spirits gave way, and he turned over the command to Wainwright. Hutchinson, ii., p. 153. They lost

much time at Casco Bay. *Deplorable State of New England*, p. 36. In the meantime Subercase had made ready for a new attack, and received aid from France. Before the first attack he got supplies from Boston. *Ib.*, p. 19. Douglas, *Summary*, i., p. 357.

² A Flibustier had informed Subercase that the English were preparing to return. *Gazette*, Feb., 25, 1708.