

well as those Station'd at the Bahama Islands, and the different Colony's of North America; A List whereof I herewith Transmit you, that you may be a judge of his Majesty's Naval Force still remaining in those Seas.

As the Winter Season advances apace, and Admiral Boscawen was pretty well assured before he Sail'd, that the Garrison of Louisburg woud receive no more Supplies from France this year, he therefore directed me to lay up the great Ships and secure them for the Winter, that I may be the better enabled to proceed to Sea as Early in the Spring as the Season will permit, And Cruize in such a manner as shall be Iudg'd most proper to distress the French both at Louisburg and Quebec; and you may be assured I shall use all the means in my power to prevent any Supplies of Men or Provisions from being thrown into either of those places; Or Operate in any other manner as shall be thought most Adviseable for distressing, or destroying, the common Enemy, and for the protection of his Majesty's American Colony's; In Executing which Service I shall on all occasions pay great deference to your Advice, as I am Sensible your Excellency is very capable of informing me properly.

I shall not fail to send you from time to time all the Intelligence that may come to my knowledge of any Designs the French may form against any of His Majesty's Colony's; and I must also desire that you woud please to Communicate to me any advice you may receive of the like Nature, that I may endeavour by all means possible to disapoint their Schemes.

I am
Your Excellency's
Most Humble & Obedient Servant
R Spry.

His Excellency Govern^r Sharpe, Maryland

A List of Ships and Vessels under the Command of Richard Spry Esq^r Captain of His Majesty's Ship Fougeux.

Ships Names	guns	men	where Stationed
Fougeux	64	500	Halifax
Litchfield	50	330	
Norwich	50	330	
Centurion	54	400	
Success	20	130	
Vulture Sloop	14	90	Boston
Mermaid	20	130	
Nightingale	20	130	New York
Guarland	22	130	Virginia
Syren	20	130	South Carolina
Baltimore Sloop	16	90	North Carolina
Jamaica Sloop	14	90	Bahama's

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