

The Shipping lay about a league from the town, the course of the river there being near due E. and W. somewhat more than four miles broad ; but bending its course to the southward, contracts its stream opposite the town, within the limits of three-fourths of a mile, being confin'd within two points of high land ; the northernmost of which may, with great propriety, be called a mountain, upon whose summit stands a fortress of vast strength, overlooking both the river, city, and adjacent country. At the foot of this mountain, to the N. E. stands the lower town, defended by several batteries, equal with the surface of the water, and so situated, that shipping, in passing by the town, must come within the distance of 4 or 500 yards ; but these two or