

Thursday 23.

This Day a great Number of our Men were busily employ'd in furnishing near fifty of our Whale-boats with Paddles, Ladders, &c. and about 12 o'Clock 500 Men of the Land Army and Marines embark'd from on board the Man of War, with a View of making themselves Masters of the Island Battery; but at that Time there arose such prodigious a Fog, that they could not see where to land, notwithstanding they were in the Nut of the Shore. When it began to clear up they were oblig'd to draw off, tho' at that Time there were but 14 Men in the Island Battery.

Friday 24.

The Fleet, this Day appearing off the Mouth of the Harbour, made a gallant Show. At Night, five of our Men and myself went on board a Ship which we first fill'd with Combustibles, and then carried her under a small Sail by the Iron Battery till we had grounded her against the *King's-Gate* belonging to the City. No sooner was the Train set on Fire, but the City fir'd smartly against us; and when we took Boat, we were oblig'd to row under the Mouth of their Cannon, till we
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