

less than to their Knees. By that we had Rallied the Sun was near set; so we marched about half a Mile from the River, and so encamped. Our Men had spent the greatest part of our Ammunition in this Skirmish, having taken ashore with them, about three quarters of a Pound of Powder a Man, and about fifteen or eighteen Shot, and but two Biskets a Man; and the reason why they carried no more was, because the small Vessels were to carry it into the River that night. We had in this Skirmish about five Men killed outright, and about twenty Men wounded. About midnight they sent us ashore six Field-pieces, about 800 Pound apiece, which we could not tell what to do with, it being a Marshy place, and several small Gullies to go over. We sent aboard for Ammunition and Provision, but they sent us half a Barrel of Powder, which what that was you may judge, amongst near 1200 Men, and sent no Provision. We were no sooner engaged at our coming ashore, but contrary to Orders, those four Ships of War, as they called them, wayed their Anchors, and fell to Battering the Town*, and there spent the greatest part of their Ammunition by that time they got back: the Admiral being, as they say, forced to leave their best Cable and Anchor behind him and get back again. We met with several Skirmishes from the Enemy while we were ashore, but we received little Hurt. We had some that we took informed us, that if we had come but four days sooner, they had not above 600 Men in Town, but being so long in the River before we got up, they had notice of us, and had sent for all their Strength thither, so that there was now in the Town 3000 Men, and eight hundred that were near us in Swamps and Woods, to keep us continually alarmed. But sending aboard often to see to get some Viſtuals, for we could meet with little ashore, the Enemy having drove their Cattle into the Woods, they at length sent us word that they had no more Ammunition to

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