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lish'd, but Three Guns out of Sixteen being left standing, and those so exposed to the North-West Battery, that Nobody could keep the Platform. — The West Flank of the *King's Bastion* was almost entirely ruin'd, but in some measure repair'd with Timber. — This Battery, the Advanced Battery, and the Eight-gun Battery, were sustained by Thirteen Hundred and Fifty Men.

After many fruitless Preparations for an Attack on the *Island Battery*, it was attempted on the 26th of *May*, at Night, by a Party of *May 26.* Four Hundred Men. But, from the Strength of the Place, and the Advantage the Enemy had of being under Cover, and our Men exposed in open Boats, which a Musquet-ball would sink, the Surf running very high, and their not being thoroughly acquainted with the best Place of landing, they were repulsed, with the Loss of about Sixty kill'd and drowned, and an Hundred and Sixteen taken Prisoners.

The 10th of *June*, the *Chester* arriv'd from *June 10.* *England*, and joined the Commodore: And on the 12th the *Canterbury* and *Sunderland*; as did — 12, likewise the *Lark*, with a Store-ship under her Convoy, bound to *Annapolis Royal*.

It being of the utmost Consequence to be Masters of the * *Island Battery*, and, after the last

* The *Island Battery* is a strong Fort at the Entrance of the Harbour, mounted with Thirty Twenty-eight-pounders, and Seven Swivels, having Two Brass Ten-inch Mortars, and garrison'd with an Hundred and Eighty Men.