

the flashy, temporary Courage inspired by *Claret*, which they had very plentifully guzzled before their Attempt, as appeared from the Intoxication of our Prisoners. Some *Deserters* reported, that no Parties could be found in the *Garrison*, forward enough to go on this Service, without being first animated by a sufficient Quantity of *Wine*.

July. 9. By Order of the *Admiral*, Volunteers for the Company of *Miners* were enquired for on board all the *Men of War*—All the Men who professed themselves acquainted with the use of the Spade and Pickax, shewed great Readiness to go on this Service—most of the Men on board. *L'Arethuse* Frigate was obliged to *haul* in close to the Town.

This Day Brigadier *Laurence* was *slightly* wounded by a piece of a Shell that burst at some Distance from him.

10. The *Volunteers* for the Company of *Miners* were sent on Shore from all the Ships to the *Captain* of the Party, about 200 in Number, who were incamped by themselves.

As the *Besiegers* every Day and Night continued to advance with their Works, the *Garrison* kept a brisk, constant cannonading, and threw several Shells. It is remarkable, that they discharged great Quantities of old Iron of several Kinds, (such as *Shovels*, *Tongs*, and the like, besides a most destructive Sort of square Iron-bars of about 5 or 6 Inches long, and about an Inch and a half square, several of them cased in Plates of Tin,) which they call *Mitraille*, by way of Grape Shot—the Wounds they give are very difficult, if at all, to be cured, from their being made with such angular, ragged Weapons.

This Night our People observed a *great Fire* in the Woods in sight of *Louisbourg*, which they
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