

Q. Whether the Place proposed by *Thierry* the Pilot at the Council in *London* was reconnoitred, and Soundings made thereat, and whether it proved to be a Place proper for landing?

A. His Order, directed to Admiral *Brodrick* and the three Captains, was to reconnoitre the Coast from Point *du Cbi*, near *Rochelle*, down to Fort *Fouras*, which includes that Place; and their Report mentions no other Landing-place, than *Chatelaillon*.

Q. Whether they had any other Pilots on board the Fleet tolerably well acquainted with that Coast?

A. They had Pilots capable of carrying Ships into the *Basque* Road, provided the Weather was clear, and they could see their Marks upon the Isles of *Rbé* and *Oleron*, but had he not had those Pilots, he would have ventured to carry the Fleet into the *Basque* Road himself; the Chart of the *Neptune François*, which is well set down, would have afforded Assistance therein.

Q. Whether *Thierry* was looked upon, as a skilful judicious Pilot, and thoroughly acquainted with the Coast near *Rocheport*?

A. *Thierry* was looked upon to be a good Pilot for the Road, and for the anchoring of Ships both in the Road and about the Isle of *Aix*; but, from what Observations the Deponent made, seemed to have very little Knowledge of the Shore; believes, he never was upon every Part of it; and it appeared to the Deponent at the Council in *England*, that he was not acquainted with every Spot of Ground; thinks, the Pilot himself mentioned, only, having been on Shore somewhere near the Fort.

Q. As he attended several of the Councils before he went upon the Expedition, was it believed, that Troops could be landed in small Boats either at *Chatelaillon*, or near *Fouras*, under the Protection of the Ships?

A. He does now recollect the Pilot said, "If you can't land at those Places without being annoyed from the Fort, you will probably find a Landing-place about *Chatelaillon*;" but don't remember that