

tars. --- Came to us a French deserter, who proved of singular service, and informed us of the above account of the enemy's strength.

11th. We could hear the French drums beat before day-light this morning. --- At three we beat the general through the whole line, and soon after the enemy did the like. --- Whereupon the whole marched back again through Matignon, in order to retreat to our ships, and we soon observed that our little army was in great danger of being surrounded by the enemy. --- Early this morning the grenadiers beat off a large party of them on the East side of the town, in which skirmish we lost one man. --- At seven, the regiments of the line being in the front, and the grenadiers and Guards in the rear, a numerous body of the enemy attempted to cut off the grenadiers by a perpetual fire of their musquetry for the space of half an hour, which our men received with great composure, and returned with such bravery that the enemy fell back, leaving many of their dead ; on our side, we had only two wounded. --- The whole halted the space of an hour near a village called St. Cas, within a mile of the fleet ; and at eight the regiments of the line, and our few Light-horse began to re-embark ; at nine the remainder of the army was by the sea-side, ready to re-embark. --- In half an hour after the whole and the 2 pieces of cannon were re-embarked (except the grenadiers and Brigade of Guards) ~~then~~ we observed the enemy in great numbers of horse and foot, on the ground where we had halted just before, who soon played several pieces of cannon upon our rear, which killed some men, and that they were marching in 4 different columns, with an intent to cut off those that remained on shore ; but the bomb-shells, cannon-balls, chain-shot, and