

in another Place.)--The principal Motive which induced him to give the Order for an Attack on the Isle of *Aix*, was, that at the Council at Lord *Holderneffe's*, it was thought necessary by several of the Council, who laid their Fingers on that Fort, imagining the Guns from thence could have annoyed the Boats in landing at the Place, which then seemed to them, from the Chart, the most reasonable. But *Chatelaillon* afterwards appearing, on the 24th of *September*, to be the proper Landing Place (from whence, according to his Information, there was a good Road to *Roche fort*) *Fouras* did not, at that Time, appear to him of so great Consequence, though he came readily into the Proposal. He added, that the Pilot, upon Examination at the Council, appeared to him to be very ignorant of the Place: And even at the Attack of the Fort of *Aix*, he observes, that the *Magnanime* sewed in the Mud, though *Tbierry* was on board.

Q. Whether, before they went from *England*, any Landing-place for the Troops was proposed, and by whom?

A. He does not remember, that a Landing-place was talked of, and that it was proposed to land the Troops either on one Side, or the other, of that small Neck of Land, which runs up near *Fouras* towards *Rochelle*: *Tbierry*, the Pilot, said, he supposed there might be a Landing-place there, or thereabouts; said, as he thinks, if they could not land on one Side, they might land on the other; and the Deponent believes, it was farther said, if they should not be able to land there, that possibly a Landing-place would be found upon sounding and reconnoitring the Coast, somewhere thereabouts. The Deponent just now recollects, another Place was talked of at the Council in *London*, which was from *Fouras* towards *Fort la Point*, where seemed to be a little sandy Bay, which was at first judged to be a Landing-place; but little stress was laid upon that, for he believes, upon considering it, it was thought otherwise.

Q. Whether