

mencement of the Siege. He added, moreover, that in all the Histories he had ever read, he never met with an Instance of so bold and presumptuous an attempt; that 'twas almost impracticable, as any one would think, for only 3 or 4000 raw, undisciplin'd Men, to lay Siege to such a strong, well fortified City, such Garrisons, Batteries, &c. for should any one have ask'd me, said he, what Number of Men would have been sufficient to have carried on that very Enterprize, he should have answer'd no less than thirty Thousand. To this he subjoin'd, that he never heard of, or ever saw such Courage and Intrepidity in such a Handful of Men, who regarded neither Shot nor Bombs: But what was still more surprising than all the rest, he said, was this, namely, to see Batteries rais'd in a Night's Time; and more particularly the Falcine Battery, which was not five and twenty Roods from the City Wall; and to see Guns, that were forty two Pounders, dragg'd by the *English* from their Grand Battery, notwithstanding it was two Miles distant at least, and the Road too very rough.

May Courage, Resolution, Life and Vigour, be forever conspicuous in all our *English* Officers, and Soldiers! for Victory,