

their Oars, *it being too early* in the Tide for the Brigades from Montmorenci to cross the Ford. The Enemy's Batteries playing now very warmly upon the *two* armed vessels, it was considered that the Grenadiers on board suffered to no purpose ; there were boats, *therefore*, sent to take them off, with orders to join the rest. Between 3 and 4 in the afternoon there came orders for going on, in the execution of which some of the boats with the Grenadiers ran aground ; but the men could not land, there being too great a depth of water between them and the shore ; and as they had got within reach of the Enemy's cannon, the whole were called off, but kept *playing as before*. The Enemy were now sufficiently apprised of our design, and had time enough to be prepared accordingly. Their intrenchments on the edge of the Bank were fully manned for a considerable way, and the greatest part of the remainder of their Troops under arms, between the Church of Beauport and the place of attack, ready to move as occasion should require. They had kept firing all day upon our Boats with both Cannon and Mortars, but with very little execution.

About a quarter past five there came second orders for going on, which were soon executed, tho' the boats were much dispersed, particularly as they expected no further service that day. The Grenadiers and Picketts landed very quickly, formed as fast as they could, but pushed forward *rather too eagerly* to the attack of the Westernmost Redoubt and Battery. They had proceeded but a very little way when the Enemy began a close heavy fire with small arms from their intrenchments on the top of the Bank, which had an entire command of the ground where the redoubt stood : they, however, got possession of it, *the enemy having abandoned it* ; but they were so much exposed to the enemy's fire, which continued very steady, that they were obliged to retreat. This they did without firing a shot ; but their order was otherwise somewhat broken. Then they began to form in the rear of the two Battalions from Pointe Lévi, which had