

“ At this time, which was about six o'clock in the evening, the enemy had cast anchor within five miles of the Fort, and in a little time afterwards appeared very industrious in founding the river, even within musquet shot of the place ; and I have heard the Governor declare, that their officers went about the Factory avenues, shooting birds, with the greatest indifference ; a convincing proof that they did not conceive themselves to be in much danger. The Fort at this time mounted forty-two cannon, six, twelve, and twenty-four pounders, was provided with ammunition in great plenty, and the Factory was not in immediate want of provisions of any kind. The strength of the Fort itself was such as would have resisted the attacks of a more considerable force ; it was built of the strongest materials, its walls were of great thickness, and very durable, it having been forty years in building, and attended with great expence to the Company. In short it was the opinion of every intelligent person, that it might have made an obstinate resistance when attacked, had it been as well provided