

over which they were drawn, saving here and there small Patches of rocky Hills, was a deep Morass, in which, while the Cannon was upon the Wheels, they several Times sunk, so as to bury not only the Carriages, but the whole Body of the Cannon likewise. Horses and Oxen could not be employ'd in this Service, but the whole was to be done by Men themselves, up to the Knees in Mud ; at the same Time the Nights, in which the Work was done, cold, and for the most Part foggy ; their Tents bad, there being no proper Materials to be had for Tents in *New-England*, at the Time the Forces were rais'd : But notwithstanding all these Difficulties, and the People being taken down chiefly with Fluxes, so that at one Time there was no less than 1500 incapable of Duty, occasion'd by their Fatigue, they went on cheerfully, without being discouraged or murmuring ; and by the Help of Sledges of about 16 Feet in Length, and five Feet in Width, and 12 Inches thick, they transported the Cannon over these Ways, which the French had always thought impassable for such heavy Bodies, and was, indeed, impracticable by any People of less Resolution and Perseverance, or less Experience in removing heavy Weights ; and besides this, they had all the Provisions, Powder, Shot and Shells that they daily made Use of, to transport over the same Ways upon their Backs. During this Time the *French* erected two Cavailleurs of two Guns each upon the Rampart of one of the Faces of the King's Bastion, planted a great Number of Swivel Guns upon the Wall facing the Harbour, and to secure the low Wall at the South East Part of the Town, added to the

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