

of the *Viper* Sloop told them; that upon the 26th he had seen a considerable Body of Troops, with several Pair of Colours, march along the Shore from *Rochelle*, and that they encamped in the Bay that Afternoon behind the Sand Hills; which Sand Hills the Captain of the *Viper* called an Entrenchment; that the Men went to Work the same Afternoon upon these Sand Hills; and the next Day their Tents were more covered, intercepted by the Work they had thrown up, and at last they were intirely covered, so that he could not see them from his Awning. That, however, the 28th, (the Day before their coming on board) he had seen them from his Main-top; but that Captain *How* had been that Morning of the 29th to his Main-top, but saw neither Troops nor Encampment. Captain *Cooper*, Commander of the Ship that laid next to the *Viper* Sloop, told them he had seen the Troops from his Top-gallant-mast-head that same Morning, that being an higher Ship.—From the *Viper* Sloop they rowed into the Shore, as near as they thought it prudent; but saw nothing more from the Boats, than they had done from the Awning of the Ship. When they returned, they reported this to Sir *John Mordaunt*, and, as he remembers, also mentioned to him, that the Ground beyond the Sand-Hills was such, as Cavalry could act in.

Q. At what Time of the Day did they make this Report to Sir *John Mordaunt*?

A. About Five o'Clock in the Afternoon of the 29th

Q. (By Desire of Sir *John Mordaunt*), As he reconnoitred that Coast, what Number of Troops, under a good Officer, does he imagine sufficient to have defended the Bay of *Chatelaillon* against their landing, had it been attempted?

A. It is Matter of Opinion, and depends greatly on the Capacity of the Officer; he thinks, against two thousand Men, which he believes was the whole Number the Boats could have embarked at once, one Batallion of Infantry, and two Squadrons of Dra-

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