

Side. The Remainder of the Fleet came to, astern of the Admirals of their respective Squadrons, and then anchored, with the Wind at *West*.

On the Day following, six of the Merchant-Ships were ordered to ply about to the *Westward*, and near to the Shore, for the Purpose of preventing any Pirates from passing between it, and the Fleet. Preparations were also made for executing, at the succeeding Night, the Design of setting Fire to the Ships within the *Mole*. Two *Turkish* Prizes, the one of the Burthen of an hundred Tons, and the other of the Burthen of sixty Tons, were filled with dry Wood, Oakum, Pitch, Rosin, Tar, and various Combustibles, being, at the same Time, provided with Chains, Grappling-Irons, and Boats to bring off the Men. Next followed the three Brigantines, procured by the Admiral, at *Alicant*. On Board of These were Fire-Balls, Buckets of Wild-Fire, and Fire-Pikes, for the Purpose of fixing them to the Vessels of the Enemy. A Gunlod was also prepared, and raised by Chains, and Grappling-Irons. It was resolved that it should be discharged into the Midst of the Ships within the *Mole*, whilst a Boat attended for the Purpose of bringing off the Men who might be concerned in this Enterprize. Seven Boats, filled with armed Men, followed to sustain those belonging to the Fire-Ships, in Case of a Pursuit, at their Retreat. These, also, were supplied with Fire-Works, for the Purpose of destroying the Ships without the *Mole*.

As the Wind proved unfavourable, the Attempt was deferred until the twenty-fourth, when it blew briskly at *South-South-West*. The Ships now advanced, towards the *Mole*, but when they had approached within Musket-Shot of the Head, so still a Calm ensued that it was impossible for them to enter. The Crews of the Boats, and Brigantines, perceiving that they were