

1759. by the Fire of our Musquetry, and obliged to retire in Disorder, when the *General*, instead of rallying or bringing them back to the Charge, ordered the " *Retreat* to be beat.

The Advantage which we had of the Ground, and the good Order he observed in our Troops, probably inclined the *English General* to lay aside all Thoughts of succeeding in this Attack, and induced him to give it up. Certain it is, that had he attempted to have forced our Lines, his whole Army would have run a Risque of being ° cut to Pieces ; for he must have carried the Entrenchments by an *Escalade* on three Sides very difficult to be mounted, and that in the Face of an Army much ^p superior to his own.

We lost in the Action 57 Men killed and wounded, and the Enemy about 9 300. The Seamen that belonged to the two Ships that were aground, after ^r setting Fire to them, retired to their Boats.

August During the greatest Part of the Month of *August*, General WOLFE remained ^s inactive in his Camp upon the *Falls of Montmorency*, and confined

ⁿ I saw the absolute Necessity of calling them off, that they might form themselves behind Brigadier *Monckton's* Corps.

It was near Night, a sudden Storm came on, and the Tide began to make, so that I thought it most advisable not to persevere in so difficult an Attack. *Wolfe*.

° " If the Attack had succeeded, our Loss must certainly have been great." After which the General gives his Reasons for this severe Attack; " The Desire to act in Conformity to the King's Intentions, induced me to make this Trial," and closes his Account of it, with an Opinion that does Honour to the Troops under his Command, a Confidence in them, and Conviction that breathes the true Martial Spirit of that active and intrepid Leader, " persuaded that a victorious Army finds no Difficulties." A Position that not only deserves to be adopted and embraced by every succeeding Officer at the Head of Troops, but to be laid down and admitted as an Axiom in Military Theory, and which the Experience of all Ages must for ever confirm.

^p " The Enemy were indeed posted on a commanding Eminence, numerous in their Entrenchments, and their Fire hot." *Wolfe*.

^q Killed, Officers 11, and 171 Men. Wounded, Officers 46, and 604 of the Men. Missing, Rank and File 17. In all 849. *Wolfe*.

^r " To prevent the two *Catts* from falling into the Enemy's Hands (they being then dry on Shore) I gave Orders to take the Men out, and set them on Fire, which was accordingly done." *Saunders*.

^s General WOLFE and the ADMIRAL were far from being inactive all this Month. " On