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but under the most hazardous circumstances; was said to be departing from that wisdom and ability, which had, on all former occasions, recommended the commander at sea to the favour of his King and country. The commander by land was also impeached for exposing his army to the manifest hazard of being distressed for provisions, and of having his retreat cut off by the enemy; and for want of more caution in his retreat, before an army, of whose great superiority he had certain intelligence. Matignon was a full march out of his way from St. Lunnaires to the bay of St. Cas: and the beating of the generale in the morning of his retreat, was publishing his intentions to the enemy, who, he was informed, was providing to give him battle that very morning. And if it be true that a proposal was made to the general to embark the force from a fair open beach on the left, between St. Guildo and St. Cas; his rejecting that advice and adhering to those rash measures, that followed, will do no honour to his memory. The marching with drums beating, and in one column, which exposed our army to a variety of accidents, that should have been particularly guarded against in their circumstances; and especially that delay, with which their march, of three miles from the town of Matignon, was protracted from three in the morning till nine, before they arrived on the beach of St. Cas, are most unaccountable facts. The dispositions for their embarkation has not escaped public censure. It is allowed, by way of alleviation in favour of the noble commander, that he