

a Man or two now and then, and at other times wounded some few others. The working Parties from the *Grand Camp*, always under the Inspection of one of the *General Officers*, were constantly employed in forwarding the *Approaches*; while the advanced and covering Parties always maintained the Advantages they had already gained, and often possessed themselves of more advanced Situations, to enable them with Success to employ the vast *Train* of Artillery and Quantity of Stores of all Kinds, the Officers and Men of the Fleet had now landed from the Transports, in all the Places that were most convenient to their Roads. The *Approaches* to the Town were greatly delayed by *unavoidable* Causes—almost a continual *Surf* on the Shore of landing; the numerous *Bogs* necessary to be drained before any Roads could be made over them for Carriages to pass; and the making of such a Cover as the *Epaulement* from the Fire of the Ships in the Harbour, to which the most convenient *Pass* of Approach was exposed. Our *Army* had a Demonstration how *necessary* it is to have a Squadron of Ships in that Harbour in the Time of a Siege; and the *Garrison*, of how *little* other Service an *inferior* Squadron to that of the Besiegers is, but to prolong the Day of *Capitulation*. All the Troops were in good Health and high Spirits, and suffered considerably less than might have been expected from the constant Cannonading of the Besieged.

*July.* 7. Parties of the Troops were employed this Day as others had been on the former Days. Their *Indifference* to what the unexperienced might call a *dreadful Fire* from the Besieged at Intervals, was very remarkable. They regarded the Enemy's frequent *Shot* and *Shells*, just as *little* as they did the random