

my's fire, he threw in his fire so powerfully, that they gave way<sup>2</sup>.

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1762.

On the 16th the army advanced to the other hill nearer St. John's, which the enemy had quitted; and the colonel proceeded vigorously in his preparations to attack the town. The French ships of war, equal in number to the English squadron, and superior in guns and men, weighed in the night and made the best of their way for Corrunna<sup>3</sup>, where they arrived safe. On the 17th at night the colonel opened a battery, with 1 eight inch mortar, seven cohorns, and six royals: and the

<sup>2</sup> Captain M'Donell was wounded; Lieutenant Schuyler of his company killed, and three or four men, and eighteen wounded. The enemy had three companies of grenadiers, and two piquets at this post, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Belcombe, second in command, who was wounded; a captain of grenadiers wounded and taken prisoner; his lieutenant killed, several men killed and wounded, and thirteen taken prisoners. The enemy had one mortar here, with which they threw some shells in the night; a six pounder not mounted, and two wall pieces. This hill, with one adjoining, commands the harbour.

<sup>3</sup> The colonel, suspecting that the garrison would also quit the fort and blow it up, sent the following letter to the commanding officer in St. John's.

Camp before St. John's, Sept. 16, 1762.

S I R,

Humanity directs me to acquaint you of my firm intentions.

I know the miserable state your garrison is left in, and am fully informed of your design of blowing up the fort on quitting it; but have a care, for I have taken measures effectually to cut off your retreat: and so sure as a match is put to the train, every man of the garrison shall be put to the sword.

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