

was strongly fortified with Walls and Ditches, and at each End a very thick Bomb-proof Tower: That the Store-houses full of combustible Matter, being *set on Fire*, burnt and flash'd in such a Manner, and in the Night encreas'd the Enemies Terror: That the *Wind* also bearing a prodigious black Smoke upon them, in which expecting our Army to enter, they were every Soul frighted out of it into the City: And that in the *Morning*, but 13 of our Men observing there was neither Flag flying, nor Chimney smoaking, nor Person appearing, but the Gates open, &c. ventur'd in and took Possession.

9. That yet the Enemy aware of their fatal Error, soon after came with Forces in many *Shallowaes* to recover it: But 8 of the 13 going out of the Battery and meeting with about eight more of our Friends, run to the Water Side, and so plied the Boats with Small Arms, as damp'd and hinder'd them, 'till seeing more of our Forces coming, the Boats turn'd back to the Town again: And if they had come but *one Hour* sooner, they had regain'd the Battery before we found it deserted. And thus this strong Fortrefs of 32 great *Cannon*, 30 of them 42 Pounders, which might alone have maintain'd itself against all our Army, the LORD deliver'd into our Hands, without the Loss of a Man, or Shot of a Gun, and before we demanded it: Whereby he at once sav'd us both Time, Toil and Blood, and surprizingly gave us a great Power over the Harbour, as well as so many of the largest of the Enemies *Cannon*, with a great Number of their own *Balls* and *Bombs* to improve against them.

10. That our Army was preserv'd from the dangerous *Infection*: And tho' being open to the Air, Fogs, and Dews, upon the Melting of the Ice, in a raw Climate and Season of the Year, the *Camp-Dysentery* seized many; yet some of our Physicians in their Letters signified, that it look'd almost miraculous, they should so soon and generally, without Means, recover.

11. That they should be inspir'd with wondrous *Courage*, *Eagerness*, *Activity* and unfainting *Strength*: Be supported under their extraordinary and constant Toils, Fatigues and Labours, in carrying Stores, drawing Cannon over Hills and Valleys, over Rocks and thro' Morasses, up to the Middle in Mire; and in digging Trenches, raising