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our superior fleets, that the enemy, altho' they had had
a sufficient force, and all things in readiness to make
a descent, have not yet had it in their power to leave
their own coasts, without almost the certain loss of
their whole army and armament, with a great part of
their navy. Yea, divine providence has so favour'd
us, that one of the British admirals has had it in his
power to enter one of the enemy's ports, where these
grand preparations were making; and to destroy a
part thereof, with some of their stores and magazines,
some of their shipping, and even a considerable part of
the city itself, near which they were. †

ANOTHER of our admirals, or at least part of his
squadron, not long after, approached so near their
principal port, * where their chief maritime strength
was collected, as to bring off some of the ships carry-
ing supplies to them, even from under the fruitless fire
of their castles and batteries.

BUT we have very lately had authentic advices of
still greater importance, respecting the good success of
a third British admiral, the same who commanded the
fleet the last Year at the siege of Louisbourg, still fresh
in all our memories. For when one of the enemy's
squadrons was about joining their principal fleet, and
in a fair way of effecting it, which might have proved
of bad consequence to us, this brave and successful
admiral, you know, opportunely discovered, at-
tacked, and beat it; taking and destroying five or
six capital ships; the remainder, or at least the most
of them, being obliged to betake themselves to a
neutral port; and there reduced, in their extremi-
ty, to implore convoy of a neutral power, to see
them safe back again into their own, || from whence
their evil genius had tempted them to depart. But
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† Hayre de Grace.

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