

but little forwarded, as there are difficulties which it will not be easy to surmount.

Round the Upper Town are planted upwards of forty pieces of cannon, which flank the river : and above that, on the top of the hill, is the citadel, which commands both towns ; the wall whereof are said to be twenty-five feet thick.

Notwithstanding this strength towards the river, if we could get possession of the hills to the westward of the town, which are at least as high as the citadel, we imagine it would hold out but a short time, but before we can carry this point, we have many difficulties to overcome : but we have brave officers, and men ready to face the greatest dangers. The shore to the eastward of the town, is well defended, both by art and nature, and if