

dental *Shell* from any of our Batteries falling into their *Magazines*: And every Night they carried on board each of the Ships the *Quantity* they judged would be *sufficient* for the Service of the following Day—This is what was above called their *Allowance* of Powder for the Day. As soon as the Fire reached their *Guns* that were loaded, some with round, some with grape *Shot*, they discharged themselves indiscriminately on *Friend* and *Foe*, some towards the *Town* and the *Battery* of the Besiegers, and others on their own *Ships* and *Boats*. Their Men with much Difficulty escaped on Shore in their *Boats*, through a brisk *Fire* from our Batteries added to the *accidental* Discharges of their own Ships *Guns*. The three Ships made a prodigious Blaze for the whole Night, and after burning down to the Water's Edge, quite loosed from their Moorings, they were by the Tide driven on Shore upon the Mud at the *Barrasey* End of the Harbour, with all their Iron and *Guns* tumbled one upon another in their Holds, which 47 will be saved by our People.

*Le Prudent* of 74 *Guns*, and *Le Bienfaisant* of 64, seeing this *casual* Burning of the greater part of their Squadron, warped off as fast as possible towards the other End of the Harbour, to be out of the Reach of the Flames from the other Ships; Fortune reserving their *Fate* some few Days longer.

22. About Sun-rise the Besiegers opened two *July*. other Batteries on the Right with thirteen 24 pounders, and another of 7 *Mortars*, to throw Shells into the *Covert-way* and *Ramparts*, from whence the Besieged kept Night and Day a very hot Fire with their *Musketry*, and they were not less active with their *Cannon* and *Mortars*. Another Battery from the Left, which was not 500 Yards off, played briskly