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on a rocky Island at the Entrance into the Harbour,
mounted with 30 Cannon of 28 *lb.* Shot, and having
several Swivel Guns upon its Breast Work, and two
Brass 10 Inch Mortars, and 180 Men, it was at Night
attempted by a Party of 400 of our Men in Boats ;
but from the Strength of the Place, and the Advantage
which the Enemy had by being under Cover, and our
Men exposed in open Boats, the Surf running high,
our Men not being thoroughly acquainted with the
best Place for landing, and the Enemy besides (as is
most probable) being apprized of their Design, they
were repulsed with the Loss of having about 60 killed
and drowned, and 116 taken Prisoners ; yet under these
Disadvantages several of them advanced within the
Enemy's Battery, and maintained a Fight with them
for some Time before they surrendered, and killed
some of them : That it being judged of the utmost
Consequence to make ourselves Masters of the Island
Battery, as it was thought extremely dangerous for
His Majesty's Ships to have entered the Harbour 'till
the Enemy could be annoyed in that Battery ; and it
being after the last Attempt thought impracticable to
reduce it by Boats, it was determined to erect a Battery
near the Light-House opposite to it, at 3400 Feet
distance from it ; and the same was, by the 11th of
June, notwithstanding the almost insuperable Difficul-
ties, which attended the drawing of the Cannon up a
steep Bank and Rock, raised in such a Manner, as not
to be exposed to more than four of the Enemy's Can-
non, and at the same Time to flank a Line of above
twenty of their Guns ; and two Eighteen Pounders
were on that Day mounted, and began to play, and by
the 14th of *June* Four more Cannon of 18 *lb.* Shot