

" On the eighth of July, in a Council of War, it was resolved to send two ships of war, two armed sloops, with some transports with troops on board, to make a diversion on the other side of the town, and if possible to draw the attention of the enemy that way from their present situation at Beauport. The general went himself with this little armament, and observed minutely the banks of the river, and searching with the greatest diligence and circumspection for a convenient place where he could land his troops, but after all he could not find the least encouragement to attempt a landing ; he found the banks all the way lined with such multitudes of troops, and so situated that they could not be forced : as also that the ascent up the banks between the town and Cape Rouge, were everywhere, not only difficult, but extremely dangerous. However at all events let the consequence be what it would, he ordered Colonel Carleton to land with a small body of troops at Point au Tremble and not without success ; for we made some prisoners and sustained a very inconsiderable loss. To this place a vast number of the rich inhabitants had retired from Quebec as soon as general Monckton began to open his batteries upon the town and took along with them the most valuable of their effects. In this sham expedition the general had no previous expectation to make any advantage of consequence ; his main view was to endeavour to draw away the enemy's attention from his main object ; but upon examination that they were in all places as well above the town, as at Beauport, ready to give him a reception he therefore returned back to the camp at Montmorenci."

In the journal published in the *Siege*, this passage reads as follows :