

upon, of twelve Embrasures, to carry Cannon of twelve, eighteen, 1759. and twenty-four Pounders, and ninety Men, and the Command given to Captain *Duclos*, of the *Chezine*, who was the Inventor of it. Batteries *en Barbette* were erected on the *Quay du Palais*, and those on the Ramparts, and in the Lower Town, were repaired, completed, and considerably enlarged. Eight Vessels were likewise fitted out as ^a Fire-Ships, which did no Execution, owing to the ill Management of the Officers who had the Direction of them: *Fire-Stages* were likewise built, but met with as little Success as the Ships. A Street was opened in the Garden of the Bishop's Palace, for the easier Communication between the Town and Ramparts: the Passage that led to the Lower Town was blocked up, and the Walls of the Houses pulled down, that were adjoining to it. The Breaches in the City Walls were all filled up, and such of them as could not be finished with Masonry, for want of Time, were secured by a *Palisade*, from any sudden Attack (or *Coup de Main*). The Ships which were not likely to be wanted during the Siege, were ordered up the River, as far as ¹ *Batiscan*, and all the Seamen taken out, but such as were absolutely necessary for working them; the rest were employed at the Batteries; and all Persons who could be of no Service in the Siege, such as Ladies and others, were desired to withdraw from the City; this Request being considered by most People as an Order, was submitted to, but not without Reluctance.

About the Middle of *June*, Advice was received that the whole *English* Fleet was arrived at the *Bec*, and the Wind at *North East* continuing to favour them, we soon learnt that they had passed all the dangerous Shoals and bad Ground, and without any

Defence of the River) a great Number of *Floating Batteries* and Boats. Letter from Major General *Wolfe*.

^a Seven of these *Fire-Ships* were sent down from *Quebec*, at Midnight, the 28th of *June*, upon our Men of War and Transports, but were all towed ashore by the Boats of the Squadron, without doing any Mischief, notwithstanding the Fleet was so numerous, and spread so great a Part of the Channel: the next Night General *Monckton* landed with his Brigade, and took Possession of *Point Levi*. Letter from Vice Admiral *Saunders*, Sept. 5.

¹ *Batiscan* lies about 20 Leagues above the Town; Admiral *Holmes* went up with his Division ten or twelve Leagues, in order to destroy them, but could get no farther.