

upon, of twelve Embrafures, 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 thofe on the Ramparts, and in the Lower Town, were repaired, completed, and considerably enlarged. Eight Veffels were likewise fitted out as ^h 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 Succefs as the Ships. A Street was opened in the Garden of the Bi-fhop's Palace, for the eafier Communication between the Town and Ramparts: the Passage that led to the Lower Town was blocked up, and the Walls of the Houfes pulled down, that were adjoining to it. The Breaches in the City Walls were all filled up, and fuch of them as could not be finished with Mafonry, for want of Time, were fecured by a *Palifade*, from any fudden 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 ^l *Batifcan*, and all the Seamen taken out, but fuch as were abfolutely neceffary for working them; the reft were employed at the Batteries; and all Perfons who could be of no Service in the Siege, fuch as Ladies and others, were defired to withdraw from the City; this Re-queft being confidered by moft People as an Order, was fubmitted 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 foon learnt that they had paffed all the dangerous Shoals and bad Ground, and without any

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

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

^l *Batifcan* lies about 20 Leagues above the Town; Admiral *Holmes* went up with his Divifion ten or twelve Leagues, in order to deftroy them, but could get no farther.