

nent to have the *Barfleur* lightened immediately for that Purpose. When he returned on board his own Ship he directly sent for Captain *Graves* of the *Barfleur*, and told him Sir *Edward's* Intention; the Captain reply'd, his Ship was on Ground, where she then laid, being, to the best of his Judgment, more than five Miles distant from the Fort. He has since heard, that Colonel *Brudenell* was on board of her at that Time. Upon this several Masters, together with Pilots, were directed to go sounding, particularly the Master of the *Barfleur*, and of his own Ship the *Neptune*. On his acquainting Sir *Edward Hawke* with the Impracticability of getting the *Barfleur* in, and the Masters having made their Reports of the Soundings, that Intention was laid aside, as impossible. Some Days after, he can't be positive, but believes after the first Council of War, Sir *Edward* directed the Deponent to carry in the two Bomb-Ketches, to try to bombard the Fort; the Deponent immediately gave their Captains Orders so to do, and directed the Pilot of the *Magnanime* to conduct the Infernal Bomb in, and the other to follow. In attempting to get in, the Pilot ran the *Infernal* aground, where she laid some considerable Time; two Row-Galleys, seeing her alone (for she had out sailed the other Bomb, and was at least two Miles from her) made to attack the *Infernal*, which the Deponent perceiving hastened on board, and gave a Signal for all the Boats, mann'd and armed, to go to her Assistance, and went himself in the *Coventry* Frigate; on which the Galleys retired, after firing a great many Shot at the Bomb-Ketch.—When the Ketch was on Ground she was a long Way without the Reach of her Shells, with the greatest Requisite of Powder (which he knows will fly two Miles and two thirds) having thrown several, which fell greatly short. The *Coventry*, in attempting to get to the Bomb, ran on shore five different Times.—After the Tide had flowed, and the Bomb-Ketch floated, she got under Sail again, and worked nearer to *Fouras*,

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