

of *Basque*, and there, if possible, to find out a Landing-place for them, and, in case of their landing, to give them all the Assistance in his Power for that Purpose; but with respect to the Question, "Whether they should land, or not land" (tho' he would have signed to any Proposal he thought right, and would have acquiesced in any justifiable Measure, yet) he constantly thought, it was the Part of the Generals to determine that Question by themselves, nor should he have given Sir *John* the Answer he did, but from its being his sincere Opinion;—he looked upon them to be good and gallant Officers, and Officers of Service, and therefore could not but suppose they were infinitely better Judges of their own business, than he could be. It was from the same Opinion of their Knowledge in their own Profession, that he assented to signing the Resolutions of the first Council of War, "That it was not practicable to take *Rocheport* by "Escalade," and he at that Time expressed a Desire, that the Land Officers should give their Opinion by themselves, as he thought it a Matter of Judgment, which merely related to them, and that the Sea had nothing to do with it, farther than telling them, they had found out a Landing-place, and were ready to land the Troops, if they thought proper, and to give them all the Assistance in their Power. — When the Deponent mentioned this, Major General *Conway* said, as he remembers, "Why really I am of Opinion, "as Sir *Edward Hawke* says, it is a Matter of Opinion of our own;" but in Confidence of the Abilities of the Generals, he nevertheless acquiesced in their Opinion, of the Impracticability of taking *Rocheport* by an Escalade or Storm; however, though he assented to the not landing upon that Footing, he did not give it, as his Opinion, that the Troops should not land at all, for any other Attempt, which the General Officers should find proper and expedient for the Service; on the contrary, he then urged the Necessity, there appeared to him, of doing something agreeable to the King's Instructions.

Sir