

running very high, so that frequently for some Days together there was no landing any Thing at all ; and when they did, the Men were obliged to wade high into the Water to save every Thing that would have been damaged by being wet. They had no Cloaths to shift themselves with, but poor Defence from the Weather ; at the same Time the Nights were very cold, and generally attended with thick heavy Fogs, by Means whereof it was near a Fortnight before they could get all their Stores on shore ; and notwithstanding all possible Care to prevent it, many Boats and some Stores were lost.

On *May* the 2d a Detachment of 400 Men *May* 2. was sent round behind the Hills to the North East Harbour, where they got about Midnight, and burnt the Enemy's Houses and Stores, about a Mile distant from the Grand Battery :

And on the 3d of *May* we took Possession of *May* 3. the Grand Battery which the Enemy had deserted, owing, as it is supposed, to the Surprize they were in, from the firing the Houses in the Neighbourhood. They had abandoned this Battery in so much Hurry and Confusion, that they had only spiked up their Guns, without breaking off any of the Trunnions, or much damaging their Carriages. There were found here 28 Cannon of 42 Pound Shot, and two of 18 Pound, 350 Shells of 13 Inches, and 30 Shells of 10 Inches, and a large Quantity of Shot. The same Day a Party of the Enemy in Boats attempted to regain the Possession of it, but were beat off by about 15 or 16 of our Men, who had before taken Possession of the Battery, and stood on the Beach exposed to the Enemy's Musquetry from the Boats, and Cannon from the Town, which