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open and honest advice: resolved to call no council of war, but strictly to adhere to his instructions, which was to land the troops on the island of Cape Breton. Here, said he, I will abide, and put them all ashore, and cover their retreat, if they think proper to reembark.

This resolution dispersed the cloud of difficulties, that seemed to be gathering from every quarter. The admiral notified his determination not to depart out of that bay, till every way was tried to carry his instructions into execution. A signal was made for all lieutenants: to whom he gave strict charges to be diligent in the execution of those orders, they then received, for landing of the troops, and for assisting the military in every thing in their power, towards completing the service, in which they were jointly engaged: and about eleven that same (3d) day at noon, the Kennington was brought to an anchor close in shore of a cove at the North East end of Gabarus bay, which seemed to promise a convenient coast, for the intended descent; but was well guarded by several encampments, and a battery. The Kennington had orders to silence this battery, and to clear the coast of the enemy.

It was intended to attempt a landing that evening: but the weather growing hazy, and fresh gales, blowing into shore, creating a great surf every day, there could be nothing done effectually till the 8th; though the Hallifax snow was likewise ordered in shore against another battery on the 4th; and both she and the Kennington performed

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