

that could be brought to bear on that Part of the *July*.  
Harbour.

After endeavouring in vain to tow off *Le Prudent*, they found she was on ground, with several Feet Water in her Hold. There now remained nothing in their Power to do, to prevent her being recovered by the Enemy, but to set her on Fire—which they did with all possible Expedition, leaving along side her a *large Schooner*, and her *own Boats*, for her People to escape in to the Shore, which was at no great Distance from her. On board of this Ship they found a *Deserter* from our Camp, who was killed in the little Bustle at our People's taking Possession of her, and by that Means rescued from the ignominious Execution of *military Justice*.

The Boats from *Le Prudent* now joined the others about *Le Bienfaisant*, and helped to tow her off triumphantly in the midst of a formidable Fire from the mortified Enemy; which they did with great Speed by the Assistance of a little Breeze, and what ragged Sails, Yards and Rigging she had left of any Service after the constant Fire she had so long received from our Batteries. When they had thus got her out of the Distance and Direction of the Enemy's Guns, they *secured* her till the next Day by an Hawser in the N. E. Harbour, and enjoyed on board her the first joyful Moment's Leisure of securely *congratulating* each other on their Success and Safety in this hazardous Enterprize.

The taking of these two *Ships* by our Fleet's *Boats* on this *memorable* Occasion, as it must be a lasting, indelible *Honour* to the Vigilance and Activity of those who projected, and to the