

against *eighteen* Ships as against *seven*; eighteen could not have obstructed his landing more than seven: and if he thought it *adviseable* to attempt landing his Troops against seven ships, the intelligence he received from Captain Edwards, "that there were *eighteen* in the harbour," could be no reason with him for altering his first determination, as the writer of the Bristol letter says it was: but it is clear, that his *assertion* is not well founded.

What place it is, where he says our Troops must *necessarily* debark, he has not indeed pointed out. I suppose he can't mean the harbour. As to Chapeau Rouge Bay, from whence the New England men landed in their Expedition against Cape Breton in 1745, it is about twelve miles deep, and affords many good places for landing troops upon the back of Louisbourg; and it is well known, that the distance of the Bay is in some parts upwards of five miles from Louisbourg harbour, in *none* less than three; and that no fight can be had, from ships in the harbour, of Troops landing from the Bay; so that it is impossible for Ships lying there to give Troops the least annoyance in their debarkation from the Bay.

Another reason assigned by the letter-writer is, "That the French were much superior in
 " the number of their capital ships, carrying a
 " much greater number of guns, all of much
 " heavier metal, and much larger calibres than
 " ours; and if the *General* and *Admiral* had been
 " nevertheless so rash as to make the intended
 " descent."