

self before *Brest*. On his Arrival off this Sea Port, He was informed that the *French* Fleet lay at Anchor within the Harbour, but in Readiness to sail, and waiting only for the Admiral *Preigent de Bidoux*, with six Gallies from the *Mediterranean*. Resolving to attack the *French* before These could join Them, He immediately entered the Harbour, with his whole Fleet. The Enemy for their Security had thrown up several Batteries on each Side of the Harbour, and the more effectually to screen Themselves from the Cannon of the *English*, had linked together twenty-four Hulkes, and ranged Them in a Line, at a proper Distance from their Ships. These were, also, intended, on a nearer Approach of their Adversaries, to be set on Fire, and turned adrift with the Tide. The Lord High-Admiral dispatched towards the Shore, a Number of Boats, filled with armed Men, who were directed to make a Feint of Landing. Seduced by this Artifice, more than ten Thousand of the *French* assembled near the Place, to which They imagined their Invaders were repairing. In the mean Time, Sir *Edward* advancing farther up the Harbour, disembarked a Body of the Troops, opposite to *Brest*, in the View of the Castle of which City, They ravaged, and set Fire to the Country. The Pursuit of these Successes was, however, rendered impracticable by a Want of Provisions, and Stores, of which the Lord High-Admiral was in daily Expectation.

*Preigent* was, now, arrived, with six Gallies, accompanied by four Foists, or Pinnaces. Observing that the *English* Fleet was lying within the Harbour, and being apprehensive of an Attack from Them, He chose to make the Bay of *Conquet*, which was the nearest Place to *Brest*, and in his Opinion, the most secure. He prudently stationed his Squadron between two Rocks, on both of which were Bulwarks well supplied with

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