

Q. As the Court has been informed of Fifty-one light Horse, and Forty Artillery Horses being on board the Fleet, and as the Transports could not come near the Shore, whether it was practicable to disembark the Horse?

A. The Transports would have come within a tolerable Distance of the Shore about High-Water, but he understood the Horses were to be put into the Long-boats, and towed on Shore; which he apprehends would have been effected without any great Difficulty; but he knows very little of disembarking Horses, never happening to have seen any disembarked.

Q. What was his Objection to attending a Council of War on the 29th of September?

A. He can only say, he never was pressed to it by Sir John Mordaunt; he never did deny a Council of War to Sir John with a View to distress him; but when he saw the Troops did not land the Night of the 28th, and Major General Conway, with Colonels Wolfe and Howard, having reconnoitred the Coast over again on the next Day, and no Application then made to him to land them, he was thereby induced to write the Letter, he did to Sir John; not in the least doubting, they had good and satisfactory Reasons for it, and supposing the General Officers to act with the same View as himself, that of doing their Duty to the best of their Judgment.

Q. (By Sir John Mordaunt's Desire.) Did not he, Sir John Mordaunt, the very Morning of the Day, on which they came to a Resolution not to land, speak to him about having a General Council of War, and did he not return for Answer, that there was no Occasion for the Sea Officers, as it was a Land Operation only?

A. Yes; he recollects, it was about Noon, (when he spoke to Sir John to the same Purpose, as he afterwards wrote in his Letter.) — And his Reason for it was this, that he always looked upon it to be his Duty, as Admiral, to convoy the Troops to the Road of

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