

A short Account of the Use of these rolling Breast Works.

SUPPOSE a Debarkation intended at a good and advantageous Landing-place, but where great Opposition is expected, the Enemy having Cannon planted on Batteries, and Works thrown up, not only near the Shore to hinder the Landing, but also at a proper Distance has formed Redoubts, with other Batteries, and a Line of Communication, so that Cannon Shot from a Frigate or other small Vessel, lying at a common Distance from the Shore, can do them but little Harm; Now though the Enemy's Cannon cannot reach the Frigate, no more than the Frigate's Guns can reach them, yet the Enemy's Guns may easily reach the Water Side with sufficient Force to annoy the Troops, both in landing and when landed. Indeed, if such a Disposition be made by the Enemy, and they perform their Duty well, it is impracticable to land, according to the common Method, without considerable Loss. But supposing rolling Breast-Works provided, twenty Feet in length, and six Feet in diameter, as before described; Rafts may be made of them by fastening five of them together to every Raft, which Rafts will consequently be thirty Feet long and twenty broad.

Across the five Rolls so lashed together, lay strong Planks, thirty Feet long, to make them bear alike in the Water, with other Planks twenty Feet long, and two or three Inches thick, across these; thus there will be formed a good Platform for Cannon to rest or recoil upon, should there be Occasion for firing from the Raft; some of these upper Planks should have Irons fixed near their Ends, fitted to receive and hold fast other Rolls of six Feet diameter, to serve for a Parapet to cover the Men from the

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