

Admiral's Ship, in getting proper Intelligence concerning *Rockefort*?

A. On the 24th in the Morning, the Day after the Attack of the Isle of *Aix*, the Deponent saw his Signal out on board *Sir Edward Hawke*; on which Major General *Conway* and he went away immediately; *Sir Edward Hawke*, on their coming on board, told the Deponent, Admiral *Brodrick* and three Captains were gone reconnoitring for a Landing-Place, and he wished for their speedy Return. As that Signal, which was out on board *Sir Edward*, was for the Rear-Admiral as well as the Deponent, being a Standard at the Ensign-Staff, and the Vessels, which Admiral *Brodrick* had with him, were not in Sight, he begged of *Sir Edward* to make the Signal for all Land and Sea General Officers, which is the Standard at the Mizen Top-mast Head, that being most discernible at a Distance, and to repeat firing a Gun every Hour, which he did: Before Four, Admiral *Brodrick* and the Captains returned, very much fatigued, and drew up their Report. After taking a Morfel of Dinner they all got into their Boats and went away to the Isle of *Aix* (excepting Admiral *Brodrick*) in order to collect what Intelligence they could from the Prisoners taken in the Fort; a Number of the Prisoners were sent on board the Deponent's Ship, and examined, one by one, by General *Conway*, he speaking *French*, till near 11 o' Clock at Night, when *Sir Edward Hawke* and *Sir John Mordaunt* went away; and the Admiral declared his Intention of holding a Council of War on board the Deponent's Ship the next Morning, which was accordingly done.

Q. Whether the Pilot of the *Neptune* was examined that Night?

A. He cannot remember.

Q. Does he recollect any thing relating to a Report, Captain *Proby* made to the Admiral, of his having spoke to a *Dutch* Master, in relation to the *French* having made great Preparations at *Rockelle* and *St. Martins*?

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