

in order to prevent any suspicion of an attack being in immediate contemplation.

On the 7th of August, a favourable breeze sprung up from the north-west, and Major-general Craig, on a pre-concerted signal being given, put the forces in motion. At the same instant, Commodore Blanket in the *America*, got under weigh with the *Stately*, *Echo*, and *Rattlesnake*; whilst the gun-boat and launches preceded the troops, who advanced along the shore, at the distance of about five hundred yards, and covered the column of march. The squadron coming abreast of an advanced post, defended by two guns, forced the enemy to abandon it by the discharge of a few shot. A second position, with one gun and a howitzer, was deserted in a similar manner; and, on the ships proceeding off the camp of *Muyzenberg*, a great confusion was observed amongst the enemy, though, by the shallowness of the water, the squadron was prevented from approaching sufficiently near to the shore.

Dispositions were speedily made by the ships for the attack of the camp. The *Echo* commanded by Captain Tod of the *Monarch* led, and anchored in two fathoms and half: she was followed by the *America*, who anchored in four fathoms and a half: and the *Stately* and *Rattlesnake*, whose shallow draughts of water enabled them to approach closer to the shore.

The fire now opened from the works, and was answered by the sloops; but an increase of wind prevented the large ships from acting, till they had carried out heavy anchors. This accomplished, a general cannonade was commenced, when the Dutch abandoned their camp with precipitation, carrying off the greater part of their artillery, before General Craig and the