

fore the Town, to hinder Boats from landing under their Walls. At the same Time our Men of War and Cruizers were very diligent, and took several Prizes. And

*May 19.* On the 19th of *May* there was an Engagement off the Harbour, in Sight of the Camp, between some of our Ships and a *French* Man of War.

*May 21.* The 21st a Letter came to the General from the Commodore, acquainting him he had taken the *Vigilant*, a *French* Ship of 64 Guns; besides the *Superbe*, the *Mermaid*, *Eltham*, *Massachusetts*'s Frigate, and *Shirley* Galley, were all in the Engagement, and at the taking of her. Three Days after the taking the *Vigilant*, Capt. *Edwards*, in the *Princess Mary* of 60 Guns, joined the Commodore; and the next Day, Capt. *Cornwall*, in the *Hector* of 40 Guns.

*May 20.* The 20th of *May* the North West Battery, commonly called *Titcomb's* Battery, was erected, bearing North West by West about 800 Yards Distance from the West Gate, and two 42 Pounders mounted, which were brought from the Grand Battery; and about a Fortnight after were brought three 42 Pounders more. This Battery did great Execution against the Circular Battery: By Means of this Battery and the Advance Battery, not only the West Gate was demolished, but a large Breach was made in the Wall to within ten Feet of the Bottom of the Ditch. The Circular Battery was almost entirely demolished; but three Guns out of sixteen were left standing, and these so exposed to the North West Battery, that nobody could keep the Platform. The West Flank of the King's Bastion was almost entirely ruined, but in some Measure repaired with Timber. This Battery,

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