

made our Escape to the grand Battery, tho' with great Fatigue; for we were forced to take to a thick Wood, and run thro' great Swamps, not daring to appear in the Road, for Fear of a Surprize. At last, God be thanked, we arrived safe at the grand Battery, and receiv'd the repeated Congratulations of our Friends, on Account of our happy Deliverance, which was look'd upon as almost miraculous.

I hope, Gentlemen, I shall not be thought vain in making mention of one other dangerous Exploit in which likewise I came off with Success.

At about 2 o'Clock in the Morning, with the Assistance of but five Men, I carried a Fire-ship under the Guns of the City Batteries to the King's Gate, where I set fire to the Train, and so quick was the Effect of it, that I lost my Breath till I got upon Deck. After this we went in our Boat under the Guns of the circular Battery before we could go over to the West Side of the Harbour, for Fear of being discover'd by the Fire. The *French*, indeed, fired several Times at us, but we happily receiv'd no Damage. We arrived safe soon after at the Grand Battery; and no sooner had the Fire took the Powder, but it tore up the Decks of the Ship, and threw such a Quantity of Stones
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