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in no need of fortifications for their defence, by the enemy's skilful and wary engineers; their own steep, rough ascent having been judged beyond the attempt of men under arms, before this glorious day. These were not the only discouragements. They were in a situation that would not allow them to make a proper use of their arms, and were themselves, the whole time, exposed to the utmost fury of the enemy's fire, in landing and climbing the rocks.—A spirit, that will always exert itself, where Englishmen are allowed to act against an enemy.—A danger, which a council of war would never encounter. Which makes good the observation, That national virtue is to be sought for in the spirit of the soldiery, and not solely in the councils of their officers, where a majority has frequently deprived the nation of the advantages, that might have succeeded by the vigorous and brave minority. For, this national spirit of our soldiery was never known to flag, under the conduct of such commanders, as signalized themselves on this occasion.

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Such an unexpected gaining what had, till now, been thought an inaccessible shore, and landing in the most incredible places, terrified the astonished foe: and our men acquired such an increase of spirit and fortitude, by every difficulty they surmounted, that being arrived at a convenient place to unite, they instantly attacked the next battery to them, in flank, with so much vigour, as drove the enemy from that strong post, with great precipitation: and with one continued exertion of
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