

Two Hours after, the *English* heard them discharge their Guns, and saw some of them at a Distance. Upon which Part of the Company's Servants declared, they would not venture their Lives, unless they might be assured of Pay, and sent *John Parsons*, and *John Garret*, two of their Number, in all their Names, to the Governor, to tell him their Resolutions. Mr. *Serjeant*, by Promises and giving them Clothes and other Necessaries, prevailed with them to return to their Charge: But in a Day or two they mutinied again, and *Elias Turner*, the Gunner, possess'd the People with an Apprehension, that it was impossible to hold out the Place; declaring, that for his Part he would throw himself on the *French*. Accordingly he went to the Governor, and desired Leave so to do; but being threatnied to be shot to Death, in case he attempted it, he was at last persuaded to return to his Post.

The *English* shot at the *French* as long as they appeared in the *Brushes*, and forced them to retire under the Banks, where the Guns from the Fort could not hit them. The *French* shot only at the *English* with small Shot, as any of them appeared upon the *Plankers*. When they had retired under the Banks, they set to Work to entrench themselves, and cast up a great Bank of Earth, which cover'd them so, that the *English* could do no Execution upon them.

The Governor all this while imagined the Enemy was only raising a Bank to secure themselves from the Shot of the Fort; but afterwards he perceived they were preparing a Battery, and then he commanded the Guns of the Fort to fire upon them incessantly, which however did them no Hurt.

*Frederic Johnson*, who officiated as Gunner, on *Turner's* refusing to act, advised Mr. *Sergeant* not to shoot away the Remainder of the great Shot in the Fort, there being not above a Round more; and he supposed the *French* must have brought their Guns by Water, if so, he hoped to sink their Boats, which would have done more Service than firing upon their Entrenchments. But the *French* had found a Way to bring their great Guns through the Woods, and had planted them on their Battery before the *English* saw them.

The Governor sent out *Francis Cave* and *John Michem*, to see if they could observe the Posture of their Enemies, and the Spies brought Word, that they had finish'd their Battery, and mounted their Guns, which they saw them load.

This so dishearten'd the People, that assembling themselves together, they agreed to depute the most considerable among them