

Fatigue, they went on chearfully, without being discouraged or murmuring ; and by the Help of Sledges of about 16 Feet in Length, and five Feet in Width, and 12 Inches thick, they transported the Cannon over these Ways, which the French had always thought impassable for such heavy Bodies, and was, indeed, impracticable by any People of less Resolution and Perseverance, or less Experience in removing heavy Weights ; and besides this, they had all the Provisions, Powder, Shot and Shells that they daily made Use of, to transport over the same Ways upon their Backs. During this Time the *French* erected two Cavileirs of two Guns each upon the Rampart of one of the Faces of the King's Bastion, planted a great Number of Swivel Guns upon the Wall facing the Harbour, and to secure the low Wall at the South East Part of the Town, added to the Top of it a Plank-work picketted, to raise it to the same Height with the rest of the Wall, and a Range of Pallisadoes at a little Distance within the Walls, and raised a little Battery of three small Guns upon the Parapet of the lower South Bastion fronting *Cape Noir*, a small Hill which very much commands the Town.

May 7. May the 7th, a Flag of Truce was sent into the Town with a Summons to deliver it up to his *Britannick* Majesty : To which an Answer was returned by *M. Duchambon* Commander in Chief, That the King his Master having entrusted him with the Defence of the Island, he could not hearken to any such Proposals till after the most vigorous Attack, and that he had no Answer to make but by the Mouth of their Cannon.

May 8. The 8th of May, the Enemy made a Sally out, but were soon repulsed.

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