

were at hand to assist. But whether, from the Noise & hurry at landing, or from some other Cause, the Grenadiers, instead of forming themselves as they were directed, ran on impetuously towards the Enemy's Intrenchments in the utmost Disorder & Confusion, without waiting for the Corps which were to sustain them, & join in the Attack:—Brigadier Monckton was not landed, & Brigadier Townshend was still at a considerable Distance, tho' upon his march to join us, in very good Order.

The Grenadiers were check'd by the Enemy's first Fire, & obliged to shelter themselves in or about the Redoubt, which the French abandon'd upon their Approach. In this Situation they continued for some time, unable to form under so hot a fire, & having many gallant officers wounded, who (careless of their Persons) had been solely intent upon their Duty: I saw the Absolute Necessity of calling them off, that they might form themselves behind Brigadier Monckton's Corps, which was now landed, & drawn up upon the Beach in extream good Order. By this new Accident & this second Delay, it was near Night; A sudden Storm came on, & the Tide began to make, so that I thought it most advisable not to persevere in so difficult an Attack, lest (in case of a Repulse) the Retreat of Brigadier Townshend's Corps might be hazardous & uncertain.

Our Artillery had a great effect upon the Enemy's left, where Brigadiers Townshend & Murray were to have attacked, And it is probable that, if those Accidents I have spoken of, had not happen'd, We should have penetrated there, Whilst our left & center, more remote from our Artillery, must have bore all the violence of their Musquetry.

The French did not attempt to interrupt our March; some of their Savages came down to murder such wounded as could not be brought off, And to scalp the Dead, as their Custom is.

The Place where the Attack was intended, has these Advantages over all others hereabout—Our Artillery could be brought into use—the greatest Part, or even the Whole of the Troops might act at once—And the Retreat (in case of a Repulse) was secure, at least for a certain time of the Tide. Neither one, nor other of these Advantages can any where else be found.—The Enemy were indeed posted upon a commanding Eminence—The Beach upon which the Troops were drawn up, was of deep Mud, with Holes, and cut by several Gullies—The Hill to be ascended, very steep, & not every where practicable—The Enemy numerous in their Intrenchments & their fire hot—If this attack had succeeded,