

three ships might easily silence, were they not cover'd by formidable batteries from the upper town, of forty-two and twenty-four pounders, which, though scarcely more than point-blank from the middle of the river, enjoy so superior a situation, as to defy the cannon of our shipping.

On the other side of the river, upon a high precipice covered with wood, distant from the lower town 1130 yards, and about a mile from the batteries of the upper town, are erected our fascine batteries, from which, since July 13th, when first opened, to the last of August, we have thrown into the town more than 3000 bombs and 22000 shot : of dismal consequence to Quebec,