

ral flat-bottom boats sunk by the enemy's cannon, but few men were lost in them; the 1st regiment suffered greatly, the King's company having but few men left; and it really was out of their power to do much execution, for, on their advancing, the enemy killed numbers of them before they could come to action: And here let it be remembered, that unless a Frenchman can be covered with a proportionate train of artillery, he will not fight (infinite superiority excepted) he cannot endure, nay he abhors the bayonet, which is sufficiently exemplified to the reader from the account of the various skirmishes I have given in the course of this journal; that depending either upon their train, or vast superiority is equally serviceable to them as our people must fall ere within reach of that defence, tho' they always had that recourse, shewing such a noble spirit, that must at all times elevate the soldier, and prove satisfactory to the whole. — General Dury of the Guards was killed; in the heat of the action, he was observed to take the ammunition out of the pouches of the killed and wounded, to supply the fighting men; such an apparent instance of his true courage requires no other to perpetuate his memory in the mind of a soldier, as well as every lover of his country; and this moment, with regret and utter concern, I lament his fall, for in him we lost a brave man, and an excellent commander; we lost several other officers whose behaviour was gallant, a list of whom is given hereafter. The enemy acknowledge the loss of 1800 men, but it is imagined they lost double that number, considering the terrible slaughter made amongst them by our grenadiers, and the multitude who fell by the continual fire from the ships' bomb-shells, cannon-balls, chain-shot, and