

Night is against his own Opinion, as Men are liable to Surprize, and many Accidents, where they do not know the Ground, yet he submitted that to the General Officers, as supposing them much better Judges of it than himself, and made no Objection thereto; but with a View that the greater Expedition should be made in landing the Troops that Night, he gave Orders to the Agent of the Transports on board his own Quarter-deck, and to one or two of his own Lieutenants, to go on board the Transports, with a positive Direction from him, that at the Instant the first Body of Troops was gone from the Ships, the Transports should get under Sail immediately, and run close into the Shore; where the Troops were to land, in order that the second Body of Troops might be landed with much greater Expedition than the first.

The foregoing Question, *viz.* "How long, he imagines, it would have taken up to have made the "whole Landing of the Troops," being repeated with this Addition, "at any Time, supposing all "Circumstances the most favourable"?

The Admiral said, he cannot answer that Question with any Sort of Certainty; they might have landed with great Expedition, had the Transports been as near, as they could get to the Shore.

Q. Would not the Flux and Reflux of the Tide have made an Alteration in the Time of Landing?

A. It certainly would; it would not have taken the same Time, had the Transports got under Sail, and ran close into Shore.

Q. Whether any of the Officers made a Report to him, that they had delivered his Orders on board the Transports, relative to their getting under Sail?

A. To the best of his Remembrance, they did; the Agent of the Transports particularly, as he remembers, told him, that he had; and he cannot doubt of their having been delivered, as he gave out those Orders in Person, (which is not usual for the Admiral) on Purpose to give them more Force, and that they might be the more fully understood.

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