

The Wind was pretty fresh all this Day, till towards the Evening, when about 6 o' Clock the Tide of Flood being spent, the *Magnanime* made the Signal to anchor; they were then in the Mouth of the *Pertuis* of *Antioche*: About 8 o' Clock Sir *Edward Hawke* made the Signal for the Fleet to anchor, and they continued working in, and anchored, as they came into proper Births, all Night. — Early in the Morning of the 22d the *Magnanime* made the Signal, when the Deponent weighed with his Division, and Sir *Edward Hawke* and the rest of the Fleet weighed also: About 11 o' Clock it falling calm, the Signal was again made to anchor; about Two or Three a small Breeze springing up westerly, the *Magnanime* made the Signal and weighed again, and the Deponent ran in with his Division, till between 9 and 10 o' Clock at Night, Sir *Edward Hawke* and the Fleet of Transports all following, when the Deponent's Division came to an Anchor.

Q. When was the Demolition of the Isle of *Aix* finished?

A. About 7 o' Clock in the Evening of the Day before that, on which they sailed for *England*.

Q. Whether a Council of War, if thought necessary, could have been held on the Evening of the 24th, after receiving the Report of the Rear Admiral and Captains?

A. As to the Possibility of it, or not, he can't answer, the Council of War wanting the Testimony of several Evidences, of whom he cannot say, where they were, or when they could have been collected together; besides, Admiral *Brodrick* was just returned from Sounding, and had been up all the Night before, and Colonel *Howard*, one of the Members of the Council, who was in the Fort at the Isle of *Aix*, must have been sent for, which would have taken up 3 or 4 Hours, it being 9 or 10 Miles distant.

Q. (As Sir *John Mordaunt's* Desire.) Whether that Evening was not employed on board his, the Vice-