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night to make an Onsett on the aforesaid Fort, but by bad weather and a Contrary wind were hindred.

Saturday 3. This day all our souldiers were landed on an Island near us in order to fitt themselves to attacque the said Fort, but were hindred by bad weather that sprang up in the evening.

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Sunday 4. This day much Rain till evening, and after the Duty of the day was perform'd, it pleased God to send us fair weather, and about 8 in the evening the Soldiers were imbarqued for to ingage the said Fort, some on board the Sloop *Mary*, and some on board the *Mary-Ann* Ketch, and some in our Long-boat, Barge, and Pinnace, distance from the Fort 4 Leagues. They were to land their Men on this side the Fort, at some distance, the Fort being on a Neck of Land; their Order was, that Capt. *Edward Willy* should first land his men, and march 2 a-breast double Distance athwart the Neck, and ly near the Fort on the west side, and so every Company at the same distance, leaving 40 foot between each Company; the *Mary* sloop to attacque the Fort with her Gunns, the Ketch to keep between the Fort and Island, 20 men to be placed on each Island to keep off the Cannoes, but when they came up with the Barge to view the Situation of the Fort in the Night, they passed along without Interruption; hearing no noise in the Fort, they fired a Musquet, west a-shoar, and found nobody in the Fort. Some Indians had been there, 'tis guessed about thirty.

Munday 5. About 12 at noon the *Porcupine* Capt. *Cyprian Southack* Commander, the *Salem* Barque, Capt. *John Brown* Commander, the *Salem* Ketch Capt. *John Walk* Commander, and Capt. *John Welch* with the *Salem* and *Ipswich* Companies arrived about 4 in the afternoon, the Sloop, Ketch and Boats came down the River from the Fort, about 6 we weighed with the rest of the Fleet, Capt. *Welch* was ordered to make the best of his way on head, Capt. *Thomas Bernard* and his Company on board with him, to stop at *Matchias*, and there to send our Pinnace with a flag of Truce on shoar to the *French* that inhabited there, and if they would not surrender to attacque them, and when they came ashoar they found but one house, and two persons with whom they Treated who surrendered themselves: them and their goods they brought away with them. From thence we steer'd E & by S to avoid the shoal point that lies 4 leagues distant, and then E & by N to *Bull-head*, which is a small Island that makes the Entrance of the *Bay of Fundee*: the Current runs here very strong the Flood setts E N E as the Course is.

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Tuesday 6. From *Bullshead* to *Passemequadie*, distant 12 Leagues, the Course E N E where we Anchored about 3 a clock in the afternoon, sent the *Salem* Barque into the Bay where some *French* planters lived, who denied our Flagg of Truce our men landed in the evening and fought them, burnt their Houses, brought some plunder with them, 3 of our men wounded 2 of Capt. *Daniel King's*, and one of our Barges Crew. we Anchored in 5 fathom at low water.

Wednesday 7. This morning our Barges Crew returned, & gave Account of our men with some small matter of plunder.

Thursday 8. This morning we sett sail and mett with the rest of our Fleet. steered from *Granmahane*. E S E the wind variable.