

have some other Qualifications than what are required in a mere military Man.

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the Ship's Crew was alarmed, they persevered until one of them received a Wound in the Shoulder by a Hatchet; then with Reluctance retired. The other Instance, which I shall beg Leave to mention, is this: The Year afterwards, in the River *St. Lawrence*, at the Attack of *Ile Royal*, the Commodore's Ship, which carried a considerable Share of the great Ammunition, by some Accident ran on shore, within fifty or sixty Yards of the *French* Batteries, the Guns of which were immediately turned upon her, and at length obliged her to surrender, which might have proved a most embarrassing Event to the General, as the Loss of the Ammunition which she contained, might have impeded, in some measure, the Operations of the Campaign. The only Remedy was to be possessed of her before Night; that is to say, before the *French* could burn her; for whilst Day lasted, they would not venture to pass to her in their Boats, as they must have been exposed to our Batteries, which were erected on each Side of the River. In this Interim, two Subalterns with thirty Men, threw themselves into two different Boats, passed through the whole Fire of the Cannon and Small Arms of the Fort, entered the Port-holes, rehoisted *English* Colours with their own Hands, and kept Possession of the Ship, until under Cover, of the Night, our Boats were enabled to pass to her, and by these Means to secure a considerable Part of the Ammunition. I pass over the taking of an eighteen-gun Ship, by three small Boats, at the same time, and