

June. 10. Our Troops were employed in clearing the Camp Ground, pitching of Tents and carrying the Baggage, &c. that had been landed by the remaining Boats of the Men of War and Transports. This Day the Surf was a great Interruption to the landing of Stores. There was, every Day that would permit, one of the Captains of the *Line of Battle* Ships ordered to inspect and direct the landing of all the *Stores* and *Artillery* from the Transports necessary for the Camp, and to attend this Duty until it was over, in a continued Rotation, according to their *Seniority*. The turbulent Surf almost continually driving on the Shore, made this a very troublesome Employment to the *Directors*, and very harassing to the *Seamen*; swamped and stove many of the *Boats*, and was some Days so great as to put it out of the Power of any Boats to get on Shore.

This Afternoon Sir *Charles Hardy*, by Signal from the Admiral, slipped his Cable, sailed from *Gabreufe Bay* with 7 or 8 Ships of the *Line* under his Command, and anchored off the Mouth of *Louisbourg Harbour*; to prevent, if possible, the *French Squadron* from getting out to Sea, whenever they might be disposed to improve the Opportunity of a fair Wind in a dark Night or a Fog, to save their Ships from falling into our Hands.

11. Our Troops were employed as the Day before, and began to make *Roads* in the Camp over *Rocks* and *Morasses*, otherwise impassable by Carriages, and hardly passable by the Men without any Burden at all. This Day a *Serjeant Major* of *Fischer's Regiment* of *Volontairs Etrangers*, with 4 of the Men, deserted from the *Garrison*, and gave us Intelligence, that their Number did not exceed 4000, and including the *Inhabitants* that bore Arms, not 5000 Men—that the greatest part
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