

springing to be deferred till two o'clock in the afternoon. That in the bastion, by throwing down a part of both faces, made a practicable breach : and the troops mounting with an extraordinary resolution, they formed most expeditiously upon the top of the breach, and drove the enemy from every part of the ramparts. By which assault 130 men and several Spanish officers were killed on the spot ; amongst whom was the brave Don Lewis de Valasco, captain of a man of war, and governor of the Moro, in defending the colours, which he held in one hand, while he fought with his other. There were about 400 threw down their arms and begged for quarter, and the rest of the garrison of the Moro, were either killed in boats or drowned in attempting to escape to the Havanna : with the loss on our side of no more than two officers killed, and about 30 men killed and wounded.

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1762.

Breach
made.

Castle
stormed
and taken.

The General in possession of this important post, prepared with all diligence to attack the city of Havanna. He made the best use of the Moro, and erected batteries upon the Cavannos : and had the west side of the town reconnoitred, that, if found necessary, he might attack it from that quarter also. The garrison in the city were very vigilant and brisk. Their fire was vigorous and well pointed ; and the governor tried to discom-
mode, and galled our men by stationing a 74 gun

General's
activity
and con-
duct.

Prepara-
tions for
besieging
the Havan-
na.

* The siege lasted twenty-nine days ; and it was taken by storm on the 30th of July, 1762, in which the Spaniards lost above 1000 men.

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