

The Admiral immediately prepared for action: and being joined by all his forces and ships; and they well provided with water and stores of all sorts, and the sick men recovered fit for service, he proceeded with 157 sail, transports included, from Hallifax<sup>1</sup>, and steered to the seat of action.

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Gabarus Bay, about seven miles W. of Louisbourg, was the place designed for the landing of the army: where the fleet, with about a third of the troops, came to anchor about five o'clock in the afternoon of the 2d of June; and at six the admiral made a signal for all barges and pinnaces manned and armed, to attend the General and the Brigadier-Generals Laurence and Wolfe, who went that same evening to reconnoitre the shore as near as possible, and made a disposition for landing in three places, next morning, in case the troops arrived; who made this observation, that every place, where it was probable, or practicable, for our troops to land, was defended by works or batteries, and that the enemy had a chain of posts along shore from Cape Noir to Flat Point, and irregulars from thence to the bottom of the bay. But the troops did not come in till next day.

At Gabarus Bay.

Several hints were thrown out to the admiral about the impracticability of landing on a shore so strongly fortified and guarded, and concerning the danger of his Majesty's ships riding in a bay, where the pilots had no knowledge of the anchorage. These speeches alarmed the admiral, and put him upon the prudential method of coming at

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<sup>1</sup> On the 28th of May, and was joined by General Amherst and Lagg's regiment from the Bay of Fundy, the same day.

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