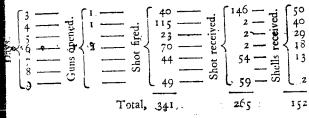
e Enemy had burnt several Houses between the Town and rand Battery, which last was found the next Day deserted bey the nemy with such Precipitation, as to leave the Cannon only spikd up, with the Trunnions on, and the Carriages not irreparaly damaged, and half a Barrel of Powder which they had not ime to remove. - Hereupon Col. Braditreet was ordered ith a Detachment to take Poffession of the Battery; on whose March thither, a Party fallied out of the City, and were marchng after him; on Notice of which, Col. Waldo's Regiment, eing the first in Readiness, was order'd to march so as to get he faid Sally betwixt the two Fires of Col. Bradstreet's Party nd his Regiment, or to cut off their Retreat to the Town; but pon their Appearance the Sally retreated. During this Interal, both the Town and Island Battery kept a continual Fire pon the Grand Battery, defigning either to demolish it, or deer our People from possessing it; but without Effect: For by 6 Clock in the Evening, Col. Waldo had garrison'd it with six Companies of his Regiment, where they furtained the Enemy's Fire of Cannon and Mortars all that Night; and the next Day, eing May 3d, at 10 o'Clock he got one 42 Pounder open, hat bore upon the Town, with which he began his Fire upon he Enemy in Return, and proceeded as follows; viz.



On the 12th they had 20 of these Cannon in firing Order, and altho' but 4 of them could be brought to do Execution on he Town; the rest will be of vast Service to prevent any Succours from coming to the Enemy by Sea, as well as to annoy the Island Battery, if it could not be taken by the Party designed to attack it; and when they are all drilled, which is expected will be effected foon, the Battery will conful of 25 42 Pounders, and 2 18 Pounders; having split 3 of the large ones, but without any worse Consequence than 3 or 4 slight Wounds: And not withstanding the great Difficulty of transporting the heavy Artillery, from the Badness of the Ground; they had got a Battery of one Mortar and a Number of Cohorns on a Hill, about 400 Yards from the Town-Wall, and another large Mortar on another Hill at the same Distance; from which they have thrown several Bombs so successfully into the Town, that it has occasioned the Besieged to make 2 Sallies towards those Batteries, and have been as often repulfed by the Detachment posted there to defend them; and as yet our Men there have received no Damage, except one Man killed at one of the Bomb-Batteries, and 2 or 3 slightly wounded. They had also compleated a Fascine Battery before the West Gate, and expected to have 8 22 Pounders mounted there that Night to play upon the Town, in order to force a Breach at that Gate; and are to posted, that by the Help of the Grand Battery, and the Squadron of Cruizers without, they have the City now entirely blockaded and that up from any Supplies or Reinforcement, unless relieved by a superior Force from France: During these Transactions there have been several Councils of War, at 4 of which Commodore Warren was present, and assisted; in Consequence of one of which, a Summons was fent by a Flag of Truce on the 7th Inflant, into the City, demanding the Surrender of it, with it's must, for Want of Room, refer to our next Fortresses and Territories, with the Artillery, Arms and Stores. of War; the General and Commodore promiting, in Confe-

quence thereof, that all the Subjects of the French King then in the faid City and Territories should be treated with the unaoft Humanity, have their personal Estates secured to them, and have Leave to transport themselves with their said Effects to any Part of the French King's Dominions in Europe; to which an Answer was demanded at or before 5 o'Clock that Afternoon; which was accordingly returned, viz. 'That in as much as the ' King their Master had intrusted them with the Desence of the faid Island, they could not hearken to any fuch Proposal ('til fafter the most vigorous Attack), nor had any Answer to make but at the Mouths of their Cannon.' Since this, our Troops have been making all necessary Preparations for reducing the City, in which we hear there is a Scarcity of Provisions, and that confiderable Damage has been done both from the Bomb-Batteries and the royal Battery; from the latter of which it is well known, the 3d, 4th, and 5th Shot fired, went into their Citadel thro' the Roof. — We are also informed, that no Vesiel from France or the West Indies, had got into the Enemies Harbour this Spring, fave a Ship of 14 Guns laden with Wine and Brandy, which escaped the Commodore in a Fog. and about 6 Hours after fell in with Capt. Tyng, who engaged her, but soon lost Sight of her by the Fog and Night: But our Cruizers had taken several Vessels from the West-Indies, and one Ship from France, with 60000 Weight of Bread on board, and other Provisions; and as the Enemy's other Provision Storeships with the Recruits, and their Canada and West-India Trade, and the new Governor of Cape Breton, are expected at Louisburg about this Time, there is great Reason to hope they will fall into our Hands; and perhaps the French 30 Gun Man of War from Brest, which had 3 or 4 Times attempted the Harbour, and been kept off by our Cruizers, before his Majesty's Ships appeared to reinforce them. And if any Indian Boat or Canoe should accidentally get into the City, their Intelligence must be vastly diagreeable; as by that they will know, that the Town of St. Peter's is burnt by Col. Moulton, the Vessels there brought away or burnt, and the People that were not taken fled into the Woods without Provisions; that the Fishery at Forechetto is destroyed, and the same done there; as also at Lawrembecque, by our Parties abroad. — That the Cattle which they expected from the Bay Vert, are destroyed by Donahew. who has burnt a confiderable Number of Houses at St. John's, &c. and sufficiently deterred the Inhabitants that Way, from giving them any manner of Relief.

May 28. On Saturday last arrived here a Brigantine from Annapolis-Royal, with Letters from the Garrison there; advifing that they were again belieged by the French and Indians, supposed to be about 900 in Number; and that among the for-mer are some of the French Inhabitants, who had revolted : But as the Garrison is in a very good Posture of Defence, it is hoped they will be able to defend themselves 'til Succours arrive. Some of the Enemy were fcouring on both Sides, near t the Entrance of the Bason, and have several Shallops and Canoes, with which they have taken a Schooner laden with Stores,

bound from hence for the Garrison.

We hear that 300 Men are raising in Connecticut, in orders to join the Forces at Cape Breton. ANNAPOLIS.:

We are informed by the latest Prints from Boston, that the Forces before Cape-Breton, had made a Breach in the Walls of: the Town, and hoped foon to render it fit for an Affault. And that Commodore Warren has taken a French Man of War of 64 Guns, and 560 Men, called the Vigilant, laden with all manner of warlike Stores: but the Particulars of the Action we

These Incidents probably occasion'd the late current Report of the Place being actually taken.