

The Enemy had burnt several Houses between the Town and Grand Battery, which last was found the next Day deserted by the Enemy with such Precipitation, as to leave the Cannon only spiked up, with the Trunnions on, and the Carriages not irreparably damaged, and half a Barrel of Powder which they had not time to remove. — Hereupon Col. Bradstreet was ordered with a Detachment to take Possession of the Battery; on whose March thither, a Party sallied out of the City, and were marching after him; on Notice of which, Col. Waldo's Regiment, being the first in Readiness, was order'd to march so as to get the said Sally betwixt the two Fires of Col. Bradstreet's Party and his Regiment, or to cut off their Retreat to the Town; but upon their Appearance the Sally retreated. During this Interval, both the Town and Island Battery kept a continual Fire upon the Grand Battery, designing either to demolish it, or deter our People from possessing it; but without Effect: For by 6 o'Clock in the Evening, Col. Waldo had garrison'd it with six Companies of his Regiment, where they sustained the Enemy's Fire of Cannon and Mortars all that Night; and the next Day, being May 3d, at 10 o'Clock he got one 42 Pounder open, which bore upon the Town, with which he began his Fire upon the Enemy in Return, and proceeded as follows; viz.

3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Guns opened.	1 1 3	Shot fired.	40	Shot received.	146	Shells received.	50
				115		2		40
				23		2		29
				70		2		18
				44		54		13
				49		59		2
Total, 341.				265	152			

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 the Town; the rest will be of vast Service to prevent any Succour 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 soon, the Battery will consist 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 notwithstanding 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 repul'd 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 completed 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 so posted, that by the Help of the Grand Battery, and the Squadron of Cruizers without, they have the City now entirely blockaded and shut 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 sent by a Flag of Truce on the 7th Instant, into the City, demanding the Surrender of it, with it's Fortresses and Territories, with the Artillery, Arms and Stores of War; the General and Commodore promising, in Consequence thereof,

that all the Subjects of the French King then in the said City and Territories should be treated with the utmost 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 Defence of the said Island, they could not hearken to any such Proposal (till after 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 considerable 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 Vessel from France or the West Indies, had got into the Enemies Harbour this Spring, save 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 Store-ships with the Recruits, and their Canada and West-India Trade, and the new Governor of Cape Breton, are expected at Louis-burg 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 disagreeable; 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 Fochetto is destroyed, and the same done there; as also at Lawrencebecque, by our Parties abroad. — That the Cattle which they expected from the Bay Vert, are destroyed by Donahew, who has burnt a considerable 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; advising that they were again besieged by the French and Indians, supposed to be about 900 in Number; and that among the former 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 'till Succours arrive. Some of the Enemy were scouring on both Sides, near the Entrance of the Basin, 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 order 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 soon to render it fit for an Assault. 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 must, for Want of Room, refer to our next.

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