

maneuvered with a Party of Dutchmen. Heroes and their  
brave Followers - several small Vessels were crowded  
with Men to assist in case of an Engagement, which  
would have been dreadful, as we understand Capt. Nich-  
olson intended to grapple at once, on she got under Way  
very early in the Morning, resolved to retake Hudson's  
Ship, and engage the Other, which was 4 or 5 Miles  
below, if she moved to her Relief - Hudson's Vessel  
was guarded by the Tenders - the Morning was thick  
and hazy and the Defences got nearer to them, before  
she was discovered, than was agreeable to them - they  
were much alarmed (not having any Idea our Ship  
was in Reading to venture out), and pushed off  
with the utmost Expedition, leaving the Ship and  
4 or 5 small Vessels, which had fallen into their  
Hands - The Tenders would probably have been taken  
if the Other receiving a signal-gun, had not sent  
off Men to double-man their Cars - The Defences  
stretched backward and forward to her Prizes

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