

likewise the good Effects of giving the Enemy no Time to repair their Embrazures or Carriages in the Night. They opened only an inconsiderable Fire from three or four Embrazures in the Curtain, too oblique to have much Effect: Before Night those Defences were ruined.

5th. Major Barker's Fire was so violent, that the Breach appeared practicable. Our Cannon from the three Gun Battery silenced those of the Enemy on the Orillon of St. Andrew. We were in hopes that the Spaniards would be sensible of their Danger, and think of giving up the Town. But they were obstinate without Bravery, or any generous Resolution of defending the Breach. In the Evening, the Design of storming the Place was communicated to the principal Officers of each Department only, and the necessary Preparations made.

6th. At Four o'Clock in the Morning we filed off from our Quarters, in small Bodies, to give the less Suspicion; and, by Degrees, assembled at St. Jago's Church, observing the utmost Silence, and concealing ourselves in the Place of Arms, and the Parallel between the Church and the Battery. Major Barker kept up a brisk Fire upon the Works, and those Places where the Enemy might be lodged or intrenched. Our Mortars were well applied for the same Purpose. At Day-break we discerned a large Body of the Spaniards formed on the Bastion of St. Andrew, which gave us Reason to imagine they had got some Information of our Design, and intended to annoy us with their Musquetry and Grape from the retired Flank of that Bastion, where they had still two Cannon placed; but upon the Explosion of some Shells that fell among them, they went off. We took immediate Advantage of this, and by the Signal of a general Discharge of our Artillery and Mortars, rushed on to the Assault, under Cover of a thick Smoke that blew directly upon the Town. Sixty Volunteers of different Corps under Lieutenant Russell of the 79th led the Way, supported by the Grenadiers of that Regiment. The Engineers, with the Pioneers, and other Workmen, to clear and enlarge the Breach, and make Lodgments, in Case the Enemy should have been too strongly intrenched in the Gorge of the Bastion, followed: Colonel Monson and Major More were at the Head of two Grand Divisions of the 79th; the Battalion of Seamen advanced next, sustained by the other two Divisions of the 79th: The Company's Troops closed the Rear. They all mounted the Breach with amazing Spirit and Rapidity. The few Spaniards upon the Bastion dispersed so suddenly, that it was thought they depended upon their Mines. Captain Stevenson had Orders to make a strict Search to discover them; but our Precautions were needless. We met with little Resistance, except at the Royal Gate, and from the Galleries of the lofty Houses which surround the Grand Square. In the Guard-House over the Royal Gate, 100 of the Spaniards and Indians, who would not surrender, were put to the Sword. Three Hundred more, according to the Enemy's Account, were drowned in attempting to escape over the River, which was very deep and rapid. The Governor and principal Officers retired to the Citadel, and were glad to surrender as Prisoners at Discretion, as that Place was in no good Posture of Defence. Capt. Dupont of the 79th, with 100 Men, took Possession of it. The Marquis of Villa Mediana, with the Rest of the Spanish Officers, were admitted as Prisoners of War on their Paroles of Honour; and to conciliate the Affections of the Natives, all the Indians who fell into our Hands were dismissed in Safety. Our Joy, upon this fortunate Event,

was greatly clouded by the Loss of Major More, who was transfix'd with an Arrow near the Royal Gate, and died immediately, universally lamented for his good Qualities. Captain Sleigh of the Grenadiers, and some other good Officers were wounded. We had about 30 private Men killed or wounded. In Consequence of the Terms dictated to the Spaniards, the Port of Cavite and Citadel, with several large Ships, and a vast Quantity of Warlike and Naval Stores, were surrendered to us. Captain Champion with 100 Marines, and as many Seapoys, embarked on Board the Seahorse to take Possession of it. The Spanish Garrison of 300 Men, on the Approach of our People, mutiny'd against their Officers, plundered some Houses, and went off into the Country with their Arms.

As a small Acknowledgment of the great Services which the whole Army had received from Captain Kempensfelt, the Admiral's Captain, I begged he would act at Cavite with a Commission as Governor for His Majesty, being well assured that no one could discharge that Trust with more Conduct and Abilities.

*Spanish Officers of Note. Prisoners of War.*

Don Felix de Eguiluz, Lieutenant General of Artillery.

The Marquis of Villa Mediana, Brigadier General, and Colonel of the King's Regiment.

Don Miguel Valdes, Lieutenant Colonel, and Commandant of the Second Battalion of ditto.

Don Joseph de Riarte, Lieutenant Colonel, and Governor of the Cavite.

Don Francisco Rodriguez, Serjeant Major of ditto.

Don Manuel Fernandes Toribio, Commandant, and Serjeant Major of the Citadel of St. Jago.

Don Christoval Ros, Serjeant Major of Manila.

Don Thomas de Castro, Chief Engineer, and Colonel of the King's Regiment.

14 Captains, 13 Lieutenants, 12 Ensigns, 2 Adjutants, 1 Physician, 1 Surgeon, 11 Serjeants, 261 Rank and File.

Of the Marine. 4 Captains, 2 Ensigns.

Of the Artillery, 1 Captain Commandant, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign, 1 Adjutant, 1 Commissary.

Of the Irregular Pampangos. 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Ensign.

2 Adjutants of the Cavite.

2 Adjutants of the Citadel of St. Jago.

4 Adjutants of the City of Manila.

1 Captain and Engineer of ditto.

Of the Cadet Company, ————

The Governor General's Life Guard, — 5

*Officers killed.*

Of the 79th Regiment. Major More, Capt. Strahan, Lieut. Fryar.

Of the Battalion of Seamen. Capt. Porter, Lieutenant of the Norfolk; Mr. White, Surgeon's Mate of ditto.

Of the Company's Troops. Lieut. Hardwick, drowned.

*Officers wounded.*

Of the 79th Regiment. Capt. Sleigh of the Grenadiers, Lieut. Hazlewood, Lieut. Garnons, Ensign Hog.

Of the Battalion of Seamen. Mr. Neal, Midshipman of the Lenox.

Of the Marines. Lieut. Spearing.

Artillery. 1 Private, killed. 1 Serjeant, 3 Private, wounded.

79th Regiment. 6 Private killed. 45 ditto wounded.

Seamen,