

they had neglected to secure, and slaughtered them all, sending a part on board the fleet where they were in great want of fresh meat.<sup>1</sup> 1690.

The following night, the Admiral sent them five six-pounders, which the besieged did not know till they opened their fire.<sup>2</sup> The English began their march with this artillery, with the view of breaching the city walls;<sup>3</sup> but they were not allowed to go far. The Sieur de Villieu, reduced lieutenant, who had obtained from the general a small detachment of soldiers, all men of good will, had set out before they had left their camp, as though he had designed to carry a part of it, and he had been closely followed by some other small parties, headed by Messrs. de Cabanas, Duclos and de Beaumanoir.<sup>4</sup> Third and more decisive action.

Villieu, who was the first to come up with the enemy, laid an ambuscade, and by skirmishing, drew them into it; there he long withstood all their efforts, and when they saw that they could not make him recoil, they attempted to surround him; but one of the detachments formed to effect this, fell into a second ambuscade, where the men of Beauport, Beaupré and Isle Orleans, commanded by the Sieur Carré, awaited them: another was met by the three officers just mentioned, and both detachments were thrown into great disorder.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> De Monseignat, Relation, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 488.

<sup>2</sup> The account sent by the Fleur de Mai, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 457, makes this to have been Saturday, 21st, but Walley says that the six field-pieces were landed 9th, O. S. (19, N. S.) Hutchinson's Massachusetts, i., p. 473.

<sup>3</sup> Walley makes this a detachment of three parties to drive off the French while he embarked. Hutchinson, i., p. 475. Mather mentions wheelbarrows, each with two Petarraros. Magnalia, Book II., p. 50.

<sup>4</sup> Duclos de Beaumanoir. De Monseignat, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 488.

<sup>5</sup> De Monseignat, Relation, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 488. De la Pothé-rie, Histoire de l'Amérique, iii., p. 119. Le Clercq, Etablissement de la Foi, ii., pp. 437-8. This affair took place Oct. 11 O. S., 21 N. S., (Walley's Journal, Hutchinson's History of Mass., p. 476,) and is represented by him as merely a diversion to cover his retreat, by three small parties sent to beat up the swamps; but supported afterwards by several companies who kept up the fire till night.