

passed before the city, they received some cannonading and returned it, but without doing any damage.¹ The night of the 21st and 22d was very dark and rainy; the English who had landed near Beauport availed themselves of it to decamp; some detachments, who had by Frontenac's orders glided to their rear, having excited again their fear of being attacked by all the forces of the colony. They accordingly regained their boats without even taking time to carry off their cannon.²

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At daybreak, some Indians who were reconnoitring, announced the retreat of the English, and in their camp were found, besides the field-pieces, mounted on their carriages, a hundred pounds of powder, and forty to fifty cannon-balls. Sometime after, three armed boats returned to carry off what they had neglected to take with them; but those who were already in possession, opened so sharp a fire on the boats that they durst not land. The Admiral, perceiving it, sent thirty more; but those in command, after holding a council out of musket range, deemed it inexpedient to attempt a landing, and they returned to the ships.³

¹ Some documents say that it was on the afternoon of the 22d that these vessels retired. *Charlevoix*. De Monseignat says 21st. N. Y. Col. Doc. ix., p. 489, as do the Account by the Fleur de Mai. *Ib.*, p. 458, and de la Potherie, iii., p. 120. Le Clercq, ii., p. 444, seems to have misled Charlevoix, as he mentions the 22d on p. 443.

² De Monseignat, Relation, &c., N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 489. *Ib.*, p. 458. De la Potherie, iii., p. 120. Letter of Mgr. de Laval, Nov. 20. 1690, in *L'Abeille*, i., No. 12.

³ *Ib.* Walley's Journal, Hutchinson's History of Massachusetts, p. 477, says that five cannon got covered by water and were overlooked: "they sent in the morning, but then it was too late." Frontenac to the

Minister. N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 460. Can. Doc., II, v., p. 137, says the French found the five cannon at low water. Chalmers' Polit. Ann. (N. Y. Hist. Soc'y Coll., 1868) p. 57.

John Walley, commander of the land forces in Phipps' Expedition, was a son of Rev. Thomas Walley of Barnesville; born in 1643, freeman in 1663, captain in 1679, interested in the settlement of Bristol, in 1686 in Andros' council. He published a Journal of his operations, cited in these notes. In 1710-11 he was Judge of the Superior Court and died in Boston, Jan'y 11, 1712. Savage's Genealogical Dict'y, iv., 400. Hist. Anc. and Hon. Artillery, 185. Dexter's Church, ii., p. 15, note. Allen's Biog. Dict'y. His expedition reached Boston again, Nov. 19.