

store-ships, and the heavy gun-boats, guarded by ten galleys, until the passage should have been opened by the main body.

Besides the Spanish trenches, there was a large dam called the church road to be occupied before the fleet could be brought up to Leyden. The Spaniards had occupied this with pickets in boats. Boisot's galleys moved on this dam in extended order, with a strong body of sappers in about twenty boats, in their centre. When the water was so shallow that the galleys grounded, the Zealanders jumped into the water, and shoved the lightened vessel forward. The colossus, illuminated by a brisk fire, rolling about in the stormy night, terrified the Spaniards on the dam. After losing forty men, they fell back on the detachment that had fortified themselves in an angle of the dam. This detachment gave way also, and the Spaniards came up from the other side to their assistance. But the galleys lay to and administered such doses of grape shot, putting as many as three hundred bullets into one piece, that the defenders gave away *en masse*, and the sappers were landed on the dam. They cut through it, fortified it on both sides of the cutting, and La Garde took charge of the redoubt thrown up against Soeterwoude, while Grenu and several officers occupied the other. During all this time,