

If we awaited their attack in the ship, however gallant our defence might be, it must in all probability terminate in the destruction of our force - and they would then immediately proceed and find the passage to the navy yard without material obstacle. The breadth and depth of the channel ^{here} prevents the possibility of artificial obstructions... This is one of the defects of our present position -

My reason for sinking the hull at B.C. is, that the Channel is of sufficient depth to admit any ship within 150 yards of Greenleaf point, and should they improve that advantage, I fear we have no troops sufficiently disciplined to stand discharges of grape - I place it one mile below that it may be fairly under the protection of our batteries - It prevents the possibility of an attack on the ship or yard except in boats -

I place the Battery on Greenleaf point, from its advantageous situation commanding the main Channel by a taking fire and covering the diverging channels on each ^{side} of it with a powerful cross fire.

I erect a Battery for Ship Guns on Windmill point because it takes the Navy yard Channel and because it enables us to use immediately our own guns, which are mounted and provided with all kinds of Ammunition -

I place the Ship opposite Windmill point