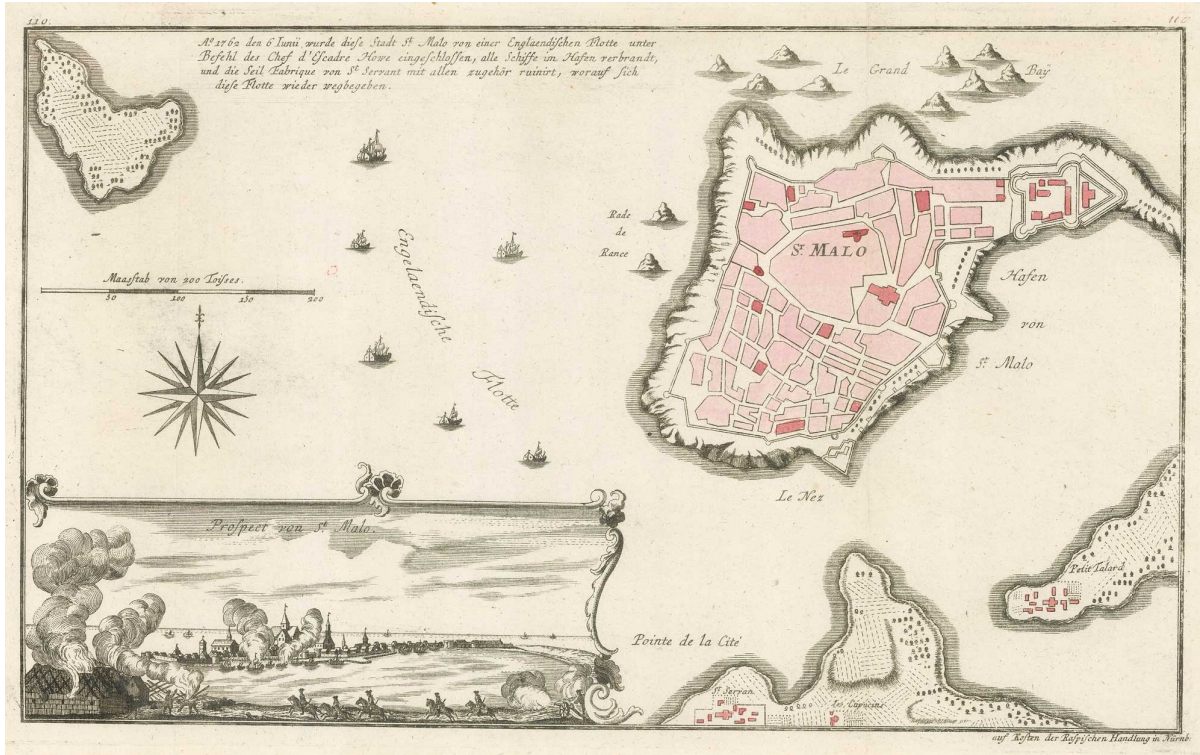




The British 'Descent' on St Malo during the Seven Years' War

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A^o 1762 den 6 Junii, wurde siese Stadt St Malo von einer Englaendischen Flotte unter Befehl des Chef d'Escadre Howe eingeschlossen, all schiffe im hafen verbrandt und die Seil Fabrique von St Servant mit allen zugeehör ruinert, worauf sich diese Flotte wieder wegbegeben.

Nuremberg, Raspe, c.1760. Original colour. 230 x 370mm.

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A scarce map of the British raid on the harbour of St Malo on 6th June 1758 (not 1762 as in the title), published in Raspe's 'Schau Platz des gegenwaertigen Kriegs' (Plates illustrating the Current Wars). This was the first of the 'Descents', lightning raids on the French coast championed by William Pitt in 1758. Deciding not to take St Malo as planned, the fleet destroyed thirty privateers and over a hundred other vessels in the harbour and occupied the nearby town of St Servant, burning the important rope factory that supplied the French ships with rigging.

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