

1781 - The Battle of Jersey

Sequence of events

5th January

- 3:00 pm - French embark troops onto ships off Chaussey
- 4:20 pm - [Sunset](#)
- 11:00 pm - French invasion fleet off the Violet Channel

6th January

- c.1:30 am - French Advance party take La Rocque Guardhouse
- 2:00 am - French troops begin landing
- 2:35 am - [High Water \(26ft 7ins\)](#)
- 4:00 am - French form up and begin march to St Helier
- 6:00 am - Elizabeth Messervy spots French troops in Colomberie
 - Pierre Arrive bayoneted to death at Snow Hill
 - French take control of Court House
- 6:20 am - Captain Lumsdaine alerted at his lodgings and makes way to Hospital Barracks
 - Captain Mulcaster makes his way to Elizabeth Castle
- c. 6:30 am - Hemery reaches Lieutenant Governor's residence
- 6.45 am - Captain Combe dispatched to warn 95th
 - Captain Hemery dispatched to warn 83rd
- 7:00 am - Lieutenant Governor Corbet captured by French
- 7:15 am - Alarm guns fired from Elizabeth Castle and taken up around the Island
- 7:20 am - Reverend Le Couteur hears alarm in St Martin
- 8:00 am - [Sunrise](#)



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Town

- c.6:20 am - Captain Lumsdaine alerted at his lodgings and makes his way to the Hospital Barracks
- c.6:40 am - Captain Mulcaster warned of French in Town and makes his way to Elizabeth Castle
- 8:00 am - Captain Lumsdaine and the 78th reach Gallows Hill – the pre-arranged muster point
 - Colonel Geo Benest and 2/4th Regiment arrive on Gallows Hill
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- 8:00 am - Sunrise
- c.9:20 am - Captain Lumsdaine receives Captain Mulcaster's request for militia help. Men dispatched
- 10:00 am - Peirson and the 95th arrive at Gallows Hill followed by Colonel Pipon and the 5th Regiment militia
- 11:00 am - 2nd Regiment arrive
 - 3rd Regiment arrive
 - Captain Fraser sent to secure Town Hill
- 11:15 am - North West 1st Regiment arrive and are left as Reserve
 - Peirson leads his men down towards Town
- 11:30 am - Peirson at the head of his column meets Corbet and French officer by Hospital
- 12:00 noon - Peirson and Lumsdaine's columns set off, separate at Charing Cross.
- 12:15 pm - First volleys fired in Royal Square
- 12:30 pm - Fighting over. French surrender and British back in control of Court House
 - Major Corbet resumes command



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Elizabeth Castle

- 2:35 am - High Water (26ft 7ins)
- 7:00 am - Captain Mulcaster, on horseback, arrives at Elizabeth Castle. Immediately meets with Captain Crawford and other officers of the Invalids
- 7:15 am - Alarm guns fired from Elizabeth Castle and taken up around the Island
- 7:45 am - Causeway dry
- 8:00 am - Sunrise
- 9:00 am - French party arrive with demand for surrender
- 9:15 am - Request sent to Captain Lumsdaine and Colonel Benest for support
- 10:30 am - Captain Aylward arrives and takes command of the Castle
- c.10:45 am - French sent second demand for surrender. Again rejected
 - Causeway beginning to cover
- 11:30 am - Causeway impassable and garrison cut off
- 3:15 pm - High Water (27ft)



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Grouville

- 6:45 am - Captain Hemery dispatched by Lieutenant Governor to warn Captain Campbell and the 83rd
- 7:20 am - Reverend Le Couteur alerted by alarm guns
- Captain Campbell hears alarm guns
- 7:30 am - Lieutenant Niven dispatched to Lieutenant Governor for orders
- c.8:00 am - Captain Hemery arrives at Fort Conway
- 8:00 am - Sunrise
- c.9:00 am - Captain Campbell sends out scouts to gather intelligence
- Reverend Le Couteur arrives with cannon plus some 2nd Regiment militia
- 10:00 am - Advance on La Rocque
- Reverend Le Couteur sets up cannon
- 10:45 am - Lieutenant Robertson advances on French
- 11:00 am - La Rocque Guardhouse recaptured, French defeated.
- 11:30 am - Captain Campbell back at Fort Conway
- Lieutenant Snow arrives with Corbet's orders to surrender, followed shortly after by Lieutenant Anley with Peirson's call to arms
- 1:00 pm - 83rd Regiment arrive in St Helier

