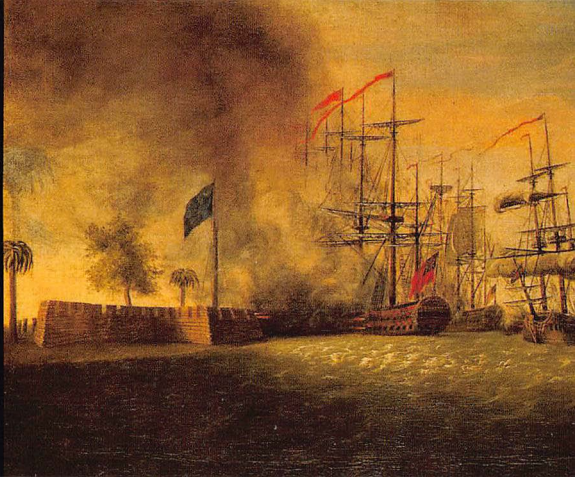


**Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie
National Historical Park**



Battle of Sullivan's Island

On June 28, 1776, nine Royal Navy warships attacked an unfinished fort made of palmetto logs and sand. The fort was defended by Col. William Moultrie with over 400 patriots and 31 cannons.

Patriot forces had limited powder and were outnumbered nine to one by British cannons. Despite this, the spongy logs and sand absorbed the energy of British fire, and the fort took little damage.

After 11 hours, the Royal Navy had suffered severe damage. Unable to defeat the patriots, they sailed out of the area, delaying the capture of Charleston for four more years.