

with 8 Chimade Tises, this is well named too
in short I really cant help venturing an
opinion, which is that after being 9 days
ashore, we are just as far from carrying
those works as we were the day we landed
nor can I see the most distant prospect of
our ever taking them until the Navy assist
us by taking the Gun boats, or at least
furnishing us with boats for that purpose
~~XXXXXX~~ as well as for the purpose of car-
rying us over. I really fear we built too
much upon the conduct of the Spaniards
at Trinidad & as usual conceived we were
strong could withstand us. I am sure I may
say ^{not} however out so. But the appearance
of things to day ~~is~~ ^{is} certainly not as favour-
able, as ~~was~~ ^{it} the day we landed, when
it occurred to me, not only to me, that
they wanted both means & will to oppose
us, this tho' does not appear to be the case
just now. we are not one bit advanced to-
wards the reduction of the place, have lost
a number of men, those we have not lost
harassed to death, never more than 12 hours
off duty & growing sickly, not only from ^{fatigue} that

