

mind of this, & concluded with saying,
"meus sicut feror jam aires de dissonis." in the
afternoon I rode down with Gen. J. M., with
whom I dined today to the 2^d of Watt's. where we
staid two or three hours, in which time I am
sorry to say our poor little Army suffered a
serious (tho it may appear trifling) loss, four
of our Artillery Men were killed. That is to
say three were killed on the spot, the 4th had
his thigh Broken & his right arm carried off
completely so that I scarcely imagine he
could have lived up to the Hospital. I say this
is a truly serious loss for, with disem-
-barking Guns, Stores, & Ammunition, & man-
-aging the works the Artillery Men (of whom
we have so few) are so constantly employ-
that the Party we found in this Battery under
Capt. Ray had been in the work 2 day & nights
& did not ^{at all} expect to be relieved until the
next morning, he made several extremely
good shots a Red flag that they hoisted in
the Fort de Pout in defiance of us, for the
Emblem was falling to pieces, he twice
knocked down they did not hoist the 3^d time
the Staff of this Spanish Colours too was Broken
when they again put it up was scarcely
visible above the parapet, and all this done