

at that moment would have been rather
serious. Jolly Jack is not to be trusted on
shore. This was bad news, but still worse
followed. Chapman dined with me & told
me that the Spaniards, had thrown up an
Embankment with sand bags & Casks, which
effectually prevented our taking them
in reverse, however Vive & Esperance, its
to be hoped when our Battery does open, which
will certainly be tomorrow then Spaniards
will tumble about their ^{own} Shoulders - today
as yesterday a Cannonade, rather more of it
upon our Fortament but no further accident.
A great number of horses driven in today by
Law: & sold for 2 & 3 Dollars a piece, bought 2,
to night very strong works & Co's Parties.
Some new work to be thrown up Monday
24th. This morning a little after day break for
melancholy thing happened, which was felt more
severely by our Regt than any other, the Work Parties
that went out last night, were employ'd in throwing
up a Work for three 24 Pounders just in front of the
Tête de Pont Battery & about 300 yds from it, but to play
upon the 7 Gun Battery. After having covered themselves
they lay down to rest in that part of the Work
intended for the Battery, which was of course
in front of the Trench where the Co's & Parties lay