

and we followed him with our glasses down to
the rear of the 7 Gun Battery. After they halted
upon a rising ground, the Dragoon in his
front opened & we distinctly saw a Soldier
of ^{Fusiliers from his white hat & Cleething} ~~the~~ move forward & point out
we took for granted the situation of our
Camp, when we returned to the Regiment Genl.
Al desired me to ask the Off whether he
had lost any men during the night. He
said "Yes, that one of ^{the men of} his Regiment when on
Centry, deserted off his post, and that he
knew the man had served some years in
the Spanish ^{Army} ~~Service~~. This left no doubt
with respect to its being the very man we
~~had seen~~ we rode up to Head Quarters & mentioned
it to Genl. Al. who we found just returned
from the Regiment at the bridge, which had
been attacked from the report of the ~~Rein~~
taken by a body of Militia, part of the
42nd had been ordered down to support but
they had retreated before their arrival, & we
were the only people who were engaged, they
had an Off. & five men wounded, none of
them badly. we learnt that our loss during
the night in throwing up, or rather in
breaking ground, for no part of the work