

this opportunity of seeing some service, as
his hopeful Cousin has, who left England
expressly for the purpose. He said of seeing
actual service & therefore remained at
Bartadon, too true he will see service
but will be a service of good meat &
poor Chapman did not lack any will
however he partook of my Pipe & Grog
& we had a good deal of chat, his one
of the best creatures in the world & I
had in some measure made him my
confidant. While we were together in the
York, our Chat. was naturally, at least
to me very interesting & lasted until
nine o'clock, near three hours later
than I had. set up since as how we
had strong reports out from each of us
and as usual every man lay down with
his accoutrements on, today our loss
was very trifling 2 men killed & 1 wounded
Thursday 20th ~~Today~~ the whole Army
were employ'd in making fascines & gabies
until noon when the 53. Regt. were ordered
to fall back & cover the landing of the