

Prisoners in general that I took very little
^{what he said} of for granted, I could not laughing at
an expression he made use of in the
course of our Confab; ~~he said~~ "that
at first they imagined it was one of
their own contrivances, and every creature was
so joyful, but they soon discovered their
mistake and were very well prepared
to receive us," car tops les canons etoient
charges: Some of our men brought me
in a horse, a miserable one tho! The pur-
port of our flag yesterday, was pretty
well explained by the answer we received
today "from the Governor" that he
would perish under the ruins of the
Citadel. Shortly after ^{the} we received an
order to move forward, we did, and
took up a new position, which to me
appeared much too close, & within gun
shot we were given to understand that
we were likely to remain on this ground
some days so set to work to build huts
& if possible keep out the dew, which is
incredibly heavy, so much so, as to wet.