

but afterwards drew them back again
as if they dreaded the idea of a
few ~~St. Louis~~ ^{St. Louis} making a dash. I
observed them distinctly half, ~~and~~
~~especially~~ upon arriving at a certain
spot, where they left the guns with
a party of Blacks who appeared
to be Peonies not Soldiers who im-
mediately began to throw up a
work across the sand, the Party
who had been dragging & covering
the guns, were busy in bringing
fascines to them from the wood
which ^{extends} by the way, the whole length of the
beach, & appears to be close along
the edge of it. ^{My Dragoons returned along} my reconnoitring
^{the same towards the top}
was at last just an end to by