

whole place most abundantly, the access to the works is
undetermined to a great extent, which a tolerable idea could
be formed through the aperture left for admitting the powder
& for occasionally cleaning them out. There seems to be one defect
which must strike even an unexperienced person which is that
the fortifications are on the narrowest part & consequently exposed
to a greater range of fire than it can oppose, it is also partly
commanded by a hill in the neighbourhood, which can not easily
be defended (The former is considerable) because the hill
rise gradually over each other for some distance, also from being
built at different times, it is ~~irregular~~ ^{uneven} & is like a cone the
front being higher than the back part: about 100 yards beyond
the last work was the picket guard which is constantly kept
on the alert for as Moorish jealousy prevents any one entering
the country through this place & have established it is necessary
to keep their guards in check, & also prevent any surprise. They
also protect the cattle which during the day are driven into
the neutral ground for pasture. 6 of their cavalry accompanied
us to the furthest boundary distinguished partly by a small
creek partly by the declivity of a hill. on the latter we saw
2 or 3 Moors with their muskets wrapped up in thick cloaks
& resembling old women. we were well prepared for them
had they advanced but they did not show any disposition
to annoy us. & we were not willing to run any risks, their
fellows indeed make no scruple of firing at any one who comes
within shot, & a Spaniard unwarily approaching too near
received a bullet through the crown of his hat but 2 days ago
he then surveyed the remains of old Ceuta the walls of which
are of Taper work and are still quite perfect in many parts.
The extent of the ruins surveying from there must have been considerable
the weather prevented our examining them particularly & it
is also rather dangerous as the Moors are often concealed in
the ruins. we returned to a late dinner at Don de Gand
the Governor who deferred ~~his dinner~~ ^{to} a late hour on our account.
This gentleman a Swiss by origin entered young into the Spanish
service, connected himself by marriage to an ancient family & soon
gradually to the rank of General of cavalry, from a fall which
he received he is incapable of riding & received the Governor's