

The most bosom friends. in fact their one pleasure
was to their advantage & vice

Monday. 12th Mo. I settled all my accounts. I embarked
in the evening in company with Capt. Connelly who takes
his passage home in the same vessel this evening a vessel came
round from Gibraltar which brought intelligence that 40 vessels
were driven on shore in the bay. no particulars were known
but it was ascertained that only 9 had foundered, & it was
supposed that as the enemy were not on the coast, that the
greater number of vessels would be got off without much damage.
The price of provisions had greatly increased within the last
few days, 8 muskets, beef & that indifferent sold at 10. up
to 16 reals a pound. equivalent to 2/6 & 3/4 of our money.
& charcoal 2 dollars a lot & every thing at the same price
but whether this arise from the supplies being cut off by the
late hurricane, or the gradual effect of the siege, I know
not but believe the latter; & fear for the crisis & from the poverty
of Zaragoza. I hear ^{an} ^{idea} that there were not accumulated with us
the wealth of the American accumulated with us
there were not so engulfed in pleasure & dissipation.

Tuesday 13. whilst our boat went a shore for last dispatches I
visited the batteries which the French have thrown up along the coast
which reduce Secun anchorage to a very small channel. The fort of
Catalina that was blown up was restored. it was proposed to build
to destroy them when nearly finished, & when to destroy it was
was complete. in the interim they have erected lines in the rear ^{and} ^{are} ^{commanding}
it & whilst render every attempt to destroy it useless. I expose in to
immense loss in the trial. ~~between~~ between 12 & 13 the boat returned
we had weighed in the interval & were going to off the mouth
of the harbor. The last intelligence brought was that the
French had again appeared in force near Chabla & had
seized Teriffa & other neighbouring towns 30,000 men are
I supposed to be scattered about the country