

Wood St. It however succeeded I was permitted to land all my
goods whilst another vessel remained 3 days beating about the
bay. Never could there be the appearance of a siege there was
exhibited in Cadix. The same gaiety the same dissipation &
thoughtlessness prevailed among the people as when the
French were behind the Sierra Morena. no one seemed
sensible to danger, but heard the repeated cannonading
with an unconcern & infatuation that appeared a mis-
ery to a stranger. The public walks, the Alameda &
the town walls were crowded with women & officers
in their gayest apparel. Cibe la Bayate was their motto
& the intrigues of the last month, ^{or} ~~was~~ ^{or} ~~carried over~~ ^{or} ~~new~~
was with the usual spirit & animation. The truth is the
confounded panic in which they were universally thrown by
the appearance of the French before the town. What succeeded
by an exultation (at seeing their first endeavour fail) that
knew no bounds. & as the alarm when they imagined them-
selves defenceless was excessive so also was the confidence
inspired by the appearance of a regular army. The inhabitants
were buoyed up with sanguine hopes of success. Their prepared
~~an~~ almost impregnable front. They had about 2000 regular
volunteer Spanish troops & 5,000 English, with a large fleet
in the bay. & had succeeded in destroying 2 batteries erected
by the French, & had checked the construction of other works
by a spirited fire. & in addition had not yet felt any inconvenience
from the communication by land being cut off, as the
regular supplies were brought from the wharf of the Western
coast in myrtles & feluccas. such was the feeling of the
moment, & the gay the thoughtless & dissipated recalled Icarus
or if such a state of things were to be perpetual. some few how-
ever might be distinguished from the crowd, depicted by the
the subjugation of the country, & foreseeing the "horror, con-
tinuation & despair that may succeed a protraction of the
siege -"