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and hurt another in the thumbe, we not ceasing to ply them with small shot as oft as they appeared, and with cannon all the afternoone; about noone we plaid the great mortar-piece five times with a Granado of above 100 pound waight, twice it fell amongst them, and tore up the earth and brake as we could desire it, but what effect it wrought we know not, not having any intelligence from them. On Friday night we wrought to plant the rest of the pieces, the enemy preventing us the opportunity of doing it by day; We keep them in continuall worke, that so they may spend their Ammunition, which yet they do freely, as if they hoped we should not lie there long, they pleasing themselves with Pr. *Ruperts* coming to their ayd. I have been the more particular, that you may know we have need of your prayers, and that God may have the praises in our great preservation, so many shot being made and so few slaine, or hurt, and that we may account it a mercy worth praising God for if ever we be master of it, which though we must not looke for suddenly, yet we need not doubt of if we may have time. (though undoubtedly there are not many stronger holds in *England*;) our souldiers, through Gods mercy being supported with courage, as ever I saw them in any service.

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