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Saturday *Aug. 31.* we tooke two poore tattered rogues without hose or shooe put over the castle-wall early in the morning with intelligence to *Pr. Rupert*, Col. *Greene* the valiant Taylor Governour of the castle having writ a Letter in a shred of Paper close written and cut in the midst, that if but one of them had been taken we had not known what to have made of it, but having both the pieces I shall acquaint you with the substance of the Letter, which was, that our strength was not above 800 horse and 700 foot that did beleaguer them: that we had drayned three garrisons for them, and that the Towns-men were now left to keepe our garrisons, he therefore desired the Prince to come with, or send 1500 Horse and 500 Dragoones betweene *Northampton* and *Banbury*, and bids him not doubt of taking our Guns, and routing our Foot, and then he might be revenged on *Northampton* for the other designe he missed on before. By these two messengers being examined a part we finde that their chiefe Cannoneere was slaine on Friday, and another of theirs wounded in the eye with a musket-bullet, not like to live; that one of our Granadoes did fire in the castle, but did not much hurt.

On Sabbath day *Septemb. 1.* we planted our
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