

off, which must be settled before hand ; having performed their *coup*, they are to retire in a gallop to a convenient distance, to escape the shock of the enemies cavalry, which indubitably will pursue them : In strictly observing these rules, a conductor of irregulars will be seldom surprized, and ever preserve his own army from any disaster. If the general, by supporting him, thinks proper to come to battle, he must (during the fight) detach some of his light troops into the rear of the antagonist, to explore what is doing, and seize any messengers that may be dispatched after all is over : the people that go upon this service are to send all letters, packets, &c. to their leader, who is to forward them without delay to the chief, that from the contents he may learn the state of the enemies affairs, and their future operations.

WHENEVER the general communicates his intentions of besieging a place, our *petit guerrier* will obtain information how the staff officers, mayor and magistrates of the town stand inclined towards his prince ; and must try, by all methods to engage some of them to serve him when opportunity offers ; he should also