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ther do these affairs afford great matter for observation. Our General (I speak it before God, and without flattery) behaves himself in all things with admiration, making those parts appear which lay hid before, for want of occasion to produce them. His care is infinite, his courage undaunted, his patience and continual labour beyond what could ever have been expected; his affableness, liberality, and courtesy, not more extolled by his own, than by his enemies themselves: himself views the ground, goes to the trenches, visits the batteries, observes where the shot doth light, and what effects it works upon the enemy; in a word, goes himself in person to places of the greatest danger, oftner than becomes a person of his rank; but whereunto (besides his own care and courage which carries him to it) he is partly constrained by the carelessness of some officers. If a soldier want a biscuit, or a workman a spade, it must come to his ears and pass by his order; not that he would have it so, but that the defects of others in their duties, make his care and providence extend even to the ordering and providing those petty things. His voice in councils he will have of no greater force than others; though his opinion is most commonly grounded upon better reasons, yet he refers it to the censure and approbation of the rest, with that submission which could never have been imagined. In a word, whether it be that he will be alone, and have no co-partner in authority, or whether it be the fault of those that by their long experience in the wars might have made themselves more considerable, and gotten a greater sway, I see none of extraordinary credit in the army, besides himself, and (I fear me) of sufficient reputation and credit (if any evil should happen to his person, which God forbid) to go on with our designs, or hardly to govern, and keep in duty, this small body.

Whilst I was at Rochelle, I understood of some unkindness, that had passed between him and Sir John Burgh, which, though I do not know for certain, yet the persons from whom I had it,