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ship opposite the Fuerza, to fire against the Moro. But perceiving that it was resolved to form the attack on the west side also; and that preparations were making to erect a redoubt, and parties were detached for the road to Punta; they began to cannonade along that road very briskly, about break of day on the 10th of August. The same morning, about ten o'clock, the batteries being opened on the east, and the ground ready to be opened on the west, Lord Albemarle sent a flag of truce by an aid de camp, to acquaint the governor with the ruin that threatened the place, and summoned him to capitulate. The governor at last gave a very civil and proper answer, saying, That he would defend his town to the last extremity: but he did not act very politely in keeping the flag of truce from ten in the morning till between three and four in the afternoon in the open fields, and beginning to fire before the flag had got two thirds in the way back.

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Next morning (11th) at day-break, all the batteries were opened, and contained forty-five pieces of cannon and eight mortars. The advantage of position, as well as superior fire, became visible very soon. For, Punta was silenced between nine and ten: the north bastion was reduced to the fire of two guns only, now and then, in an hour more; and about two, flags of truce were hung all round the garrison and on board the admiral's ship, and another flag was sent to our head-quarters, with proposals for a capitulation.

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