

able to procure, may immediately take possession of the environs and open the trenches: he must further signify the mode settled with his spies to gain daily (or oftner) intelligence according to the situation of affairs, and then take post with his corps in the rear of the besiegers to prevent their being interrupted from any quarter whatsoever, raising every now and then contributions in the parts contiguous, that his general may neither want money or any thing else he may stand in need of: he must also drive off all black cattle, horses, sheep, forage, &c. for two or three leagues round, and above all things get many hostages, that their ransom may in some degree defray the expence of so burthensome an enterprize. The chief, on his part, cannot be too much on his guard against the enemy obliging him to raise the siege.

THERE are numberless methods of holding correspondence with ones friends in the town; and as many schemes of getting fire set to the magazines, which will compel the governor and garrison to surrender through want of necessaries to continue the defence; we have frequent examples of different places taken by