

THE partizan having received instructions relative to the enemy's towns that are indebted to his commander, or that it is intended to lay them under contributions, he is to inform himself of the residence of the principal nobility and richest inhabitants of these cities, and attempt by every means to get them into his possession, to keep as hostages: if he succeeds, great advantages may accrue, either by exacting a considerable ransom, or exchanging them for prisoners of equal consequence: but no time to be thrown away in surprizing the antagonist's hospital, unless there be some officer of note among the sick; in that case, he should endeavour to carry him off *only*, as it will be running a risk to no purpose to attempt the whole, by employing a strong force and large expence for carriages, horses, &c. besides the sick and wounded will be chargeable to maintain where provision and other necessities are scarce; and can be of no use to their sovereign: it would rather be rendering the enemy an important service to ease them of this burthen.

WHEN a commandant of rangers attacks, he is neither to give quarter, or take