

Wherefore worthily outdoing themselves and the opinion which was held of their forces; they repuls'd the Turks that day every where, and slew very many of them. Whereat Mustafa being much incens'd and beginning almost to despair of getting the City, as he thought he might easily have done, he ceased not continually to solicit the souldiers, that they would once more be brought to give another assault; sometimes reproaching them of cowardise, sometimes promising largely to reward their valour. "And what is it, said he, that can infuse courage into you, if that now that you do so far exceed the enemy, both for number and military discipline, who are but a few, and those fresh souldiers, and un-experienced in arms, you cannot so much as abide their looks, whom you have suffered to baffle you so ignominiously, being stricken rather with a panick fear, then with any danger? If the hopes of prey provided for you, by the plunder of so opulent a City, if the desire of glory, in having by your valour won so noble a kingdom to the OTTAMAN Empire, be not able to excite in you that fortitude and generosity which is alwaies wont to accompany those who fight under the prosperous ensigns of the OTTAMAN Empire; you must never think hereafter of any military action: for no commander will dare to confide the honour of the Grand, and alwaies invincible Signor, under his guidance, that grand Signor, whose perpetual felicity, ordain'd to him by heaven, you seem not to know, by believing that any nation is able long to resist his forces. Be sure, unlesse you will resist your selves, the enemy must soon yield unto your Prowess, and to your Prince's fortune, who having a just regard to gallant actions, doth largely impart rewards unto his souldiers, so as there is no degree of honour, to which each of you may not by his own worth be brought; to whom alone all the wealth and honour of the OTTAMAN Empire is reserved; which are disposed of in other dominions more according to favour, oft-times purchast without any merit, or according to the vain name of nobility, than by true and peculiar worth: whereas there is not any one of you, who may not hope for the highest honours of the militia, to which the way lies open, and whereunto you are particularly by this occasion invited." Which words the Bashaw being willing to confirm by more expresse promises, he made it to be proclaimed throughout the whole army, that the first three who should mount the walls of the City, should be made Sanjaqs; and in case any Bashaw should dye, he who should first enter the City should succeed to that dignitie. The souldiers being thus encouraged, order was given for an assault the next morning, wherein the Turks, before sunrising, approached quietly to those very bulworks which they had before attempted, hoping the more unexpectedly they should fall upon the enemy, the more easily they should get the victory; and so it fell out. For finding those who were upon the guard of the bulwork Costanzo, fast asleep, they overcame the greatest difficulties without any dispute, and getting upon the parapets, did not afford them time to defend themselves; nay being amazed between sleep and fear, they could not get, time enough, into their inward works. The opinion of the coming of the expected succour had wrought so much with our men, as they thought the noise which was made the preceding night by the Turks, standing to their arms, was an assured token of the raising of the siege; so as in that respect, and because they were almost quite spent with watching and labour, they had the more securely betaken themselves to their rest. The Turks entering promiscuously in this confusion with our men into the inner-most works, it caused such noise and terror, as many began to run away. Count Rocas was lodged a little way distant from the bulwork, who learning what had happened, more by the noise and tumult, than by any certain information, put on his arms wherein he spent some time; and coming to the place of conflict, found all things in such disorder, as, though he kept his own men from running, yet could he not bring safety to what was already almost in despair, for