

stay in their houses and enjoy what was their own, living like Christians. The Turks accepted these conditions, to which Mustafa assented and signed the truce. They forthwith sent galleys and sailing ships into the harbour, the soldiers began to embark, and when most of them were on board, the captains being anxious also to embark, on the morning of August 15 the right worshipful Bragadino sent me with a letter to Mustafa to say that the same evening he proposed to come out to hand to him the keys of the city, leaving the right worshipful Tiepolo in charge of the fortress. He begged that during his absence nothing should be done to annoy the citizens, for up to this time Turks and Christians had maintained with each other friendly and trustful intercourse, in all courtesy of deed and word. Mustafa replied verbally desiring me to tell the right worshipful Bragadino to come when he pleased: that he would gladly see and know him, for he recognised the great courage shown by him, his fellow officers and brave soldiers, whom, wherever he was, he should never fail to praise. On no account, let them be assured, would he suffer any annoyance to be inflicted on the citizens. I returned and reported accordingly.

In the evening, about the 21st hour, the right worshipful Bragadino, accompanied by Signor Baglione, Signor Alouigi, the illustrious Signor Gio. Anton Querini, the illustrious Signor Andrea Bragadino, Cav. dalle Haste, Cap. Carlo Ragonasco, Cap. Franc. Straco, Cap. Hettor da Brescia, Cap. Girolamo di Sacile, and other gentlemen, with 50 soldiers, went out: the officers wore their swords, the soldiers had muskets. So they went to Mustafa's tent, who at first received them courteously and made them sit down. They passed from one subject to another, then a complaint arose that during the truce Signor Bragadino had caused certain slaves to be put to death. There was not a word of truth in it, but Mustafa rising in anger would scarcely listen to what his visitors said, and ordered them to be bound. They were defenceless, for