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Cochrane to Ross
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Surprise
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My dear General

We have moved up to abt four miles from the Fort to wait the Bombs - which will all five _____ be here this Evening. Asia and the River Frigates are arrived. Their Marines and Seamen will be made to join? Some where as you shall. _____ Above - The Enemy have been sinking Ships across ~~of~~ their Harbour all Day, and in front of the Fort - They have a Number of Men at work to the NE of the Town upon ground which forms a kind of irregular Ridge - I can see that they are throwing up _____ works with Redoubts at different Distances, this ~~Ridge~~ Ridge terminates _____ at the Eastern extremity - but it appears to me that (sic) the whole of height ~~the~~ Ridge may be turned as the ? Back land? _____ that does not extend to any great distance and it seems to be a continuation of the ground upon which the Town is built from ^{sic} which this Circumstance I think illegible insert it may completely Turned without the need of taking it in front. The _____ being of _____ I cannot

_____ They have all at Work
but I have seen several divisions of Armed Men.
I hope you will be able to understand what
I now send (No!) (sic)

?? Their Frigate is not under way ?? I trust you (sic)
will get here at daylight we begin _____ (sic)

We shall place the Bombs and begin to bombard the Fort. You will find them over upon the Eastern _____ I have at the Enemy ? Transjarks? upon the Western Side which it is not necessary to

A C.

written prior to hearing of Ross' death