

resist, if you would not suffer the calamities of war, and the insolence of the enemy, it must be thought the part of a good soldier, to seek for safety under the shelter and protection of Walls, more especially since so many missile weapons, and machines have been most ingeniously invented to besiege Cities with. Indeed to neglect surrounding a City with a Wall would be similar to chusing a Country which is easy of access to an enemy, or leveling the eminences of it; or as if an individual should not have a wall to his house, lest it should be thought that the owner of it was a coward: nor should this be left unconsidered, that those who have a City surrounded with Walls, may act both ways, either as if it had, or as if it had not; but where it has not, they cannot do this. If this is true, it is not only necessary to have Walls, but care must be taken that they may be a proper ornament to the City, as well as a defence in time of war; not only according to the old methods, but the modern improvements also: for as those who make offensive war endeavour by every way possible to gain advantages over their adversaries, so should those who are upon the defensive employ all the means already known, and such new ones as Philosophy can invent, to defend themselves: for those who are well-prepared are seldom first attacked.