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On the 24th of August - the fourth day after Churubusco - Generals Scott and Santa Anna ratified an armistice, the terms of which had been negotiated by commissioners appointed by them respectively. On the 6th of September following, General Scott, for good and sufficient reasons, notified Santa Anna that he would put an end to the armistice on the following day, at noon. On the 8th, General Worth, acting under the order of General Scott, with his division, reinforced by Cadwalader's brigade, Pillow's division, and by 300 cavalry under the command of Major Sumner, 2d dragoons, assaulted, and, after a desperate conflict of two hours duration, carried the Molino del Rey, situated at the western base of the Chapultepec mound, and about one thousand yards from the castle on its summit.

The Battle of September 13th, 1847 - Chapultepec.

The following description by Hammond, who acknowledged himself much indebted to Ripley in this regard:

"The enclosure of which Chapultepec fills the eastern limits, and the buildings of Molino del Rey forms the western boundary, is in extent about sixteen hundred yards, by five hundred. On the northern side is an aqueduct (and highway), which turns at the northeast angle of the mound and passes to the city through the garita San Cosine. The causeway along its course was barricaded near the said angle, and farther on, as we shall see. Along the southern side ran a thin wall, some fifteen feet high, irregular in direction in its eastern portion, having an exterior ditch, and interior wooden banquets, whence infantry soldiers could direct a fire into the meadow without.

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