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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies and Extracts, were last Night received from Lieutenant-General Sir Harry Burrard and Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Wellesley, dated from Head Quarters at Lourinha, addressed to Viscount Castlereagh, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and brought by Captain Campbell, Aid-de-Camp to Sir Arthur Wellesley.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Wellesley, dated Head-Quarters at Caldas, the 16th of August, 1808.

I MARCHED from Lyria on the 13th, and arrived at Ahobaça on the 19th, which Place the Enemy had abandoned in the preceding Night; and I arrived here Yesterday. The Enemy, about Four Thousand in Number, were posted about Ten Miles from hence, at Boriça; and they occupied Brilos, about Three Miles from hence, with their Advanced Posts. As the Possession of this last Village was important to our future Operations, I determined to occupy it; and as soon as the British Infantry arrived upon the Ground, I directed that it might be occupied by a Detachment, consisting of Four Companies of Rifemen of the 60th and 95th Regiments. The Enemy, consisting of a small Piquet of Infantry and a few Cavalry, made a trifling Resistance and retired; but they were followed by a Detachment of our Rifemen to the Distance of Three Miles from Brilos. The Rifemen were then attacked by a superior Body of the Enemy, who attempted to cut them off from the Main Body of the Detachment to which they belonged, which had now advanced to their Support; larger Bodies of the Enemy appeared on both the Flanks of the Detachment, and it was with Difficulty that Major-General Spencer, who had gone out to Cebidos when he had heard that the Rifemen

had advanced in pursuit of the Enemy, was enabled to effect their Retreat to that Village. They have since remained in Possession of it, and the Enemy have retired entirely from the Neighbourhood.

In this little Affair of the Advanced Posts, which was occasioned solely by the Eagerness of the Troops in Pursuit of the Enemy, I am concerned to add, that Lieutenant Bunbury, of the 2d Battalion of the 95th, was killed, and the Honourable Captain Pakenham wounded, but slightly; and we have lost some Men, of whose Number I have not received the Returns.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing in the Action at Lourinha, August 15, 1808.

5th Batt. 60th Foot—1 Rank and File, killed; 5 Rank and File, wounded; 17 Rank and File, missing.

2d Batt. 95th Foot—4 Rank and File, missing.

Officers killed and wounded.

95th Foot—Lieutenant Bunbury, killed; Captain the Honourable H. K. Pakenham, wounded.

G. B. TUCKER, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Head Quarters, at Villa Verde,

August 7, 1808.

MY LORD, THE French General Laborde having continued in his Position at Roleia since my Arrival at Caldas on the 15th Instant, I determined to attack him in it this Morning. Roleia is situated on an Eminence, having a Plain in its Front, at the End of a Valley, which commences at Caldas, and is closed to the Southward by Mountains, which join the Hills, forming the Valley on the Left, looking from Caldas. In the Centre of the Valley, and about Eight Miles from Roleia, is the Town and old Moorish Fort of Cebidos, from whence the Enemy's Piquets had been driven on the 15th,