

ment of the Enemy being in Possession of St. Pedro de Sul; and, notwithstanding the Efforts which he made to arrive in Timé, he did not reach Sardao till the 28th at Night, after the Enemy was in Possession of the Ground.

As it was probable that in the Course of the Night of the 28th the Enemy would throw his whole Army upon that Road by which he could avoid the Sierra de Bufaco, and reach Coimbra by the High Road of Oporto, and thus the Army would have been exposed to be cut off from that Town, or to a general Action on less favourable Ground; and as I had Reinforcements in my Rear, I was induced to withdraw from the Sierra de Bufaco. The Enemy did break up in the Mountains at Eleven at Night of the 28th, and he made the March expected. His Advanced Guard was at Avelans, on the Road from Oporto to Coimbra, Yesterday; and the whole Army was seen in March through the Mountains; that under my Command, however, was already in the Low Country, between the Sierra de Bufaco and the Sea; and the whole of it, with the Exception of the Advanced Guard, is this Day on the Left of the Mondego.

Although from the unfortunate Circumstance of the Delay of Colonel Trant's Arrival at Sardao, I am apprehensive that I shall not succeed in effecting the Object which I had in view in passing the Mondego, and in occupying the Sierra de Bufaco, I do not regret my having done so. This Movement has afforded me a favourable Opportunity of shewing the Enemy, the Description of Troops of which this Army is composed; it has brought the Portuguese Levies into Action with the Enemy for the first Time in an advantageous Situation; and they have proved that the Trouble which has been taken with them, has not been thrown away, and that they are worthy of contending in the same Ranks with British Troops, in this interesting Cause, which they afford the best Hopes of saving.

Throughout the Contest upon the Sierra, and in all the previous Marches, and in those which we have since made, the whole Army has conducted themselves in the most regular Manner. Accordingly all the Operations have been carried on with Ease, the Soldiers have suffered no Privations, have undergone no unnecessary Fatigue, there has been no Loss of Stores, and the Army is in the highest Spirits.

I have received throughout the Service, the greatest Assistance from the General and Staff Officers.

Lieutenant General Sir Brent Spencer, has given me the Assistance which his Experience enables him to afford me, and I am particularly indebted to the Adjutant and the Quarter-Master-General, and the Officers of their Departments, and to Lieutenant Colonel Bathurst, and the Officers of my personal Staff, to Brigadier General Howarth, and the Artillery, and particularly to Lieutenant Colonel Fletcher, Captain Chapman, and the Officers of the Royal Engineers.

I must likewise mention Mr. Kennedy, and the Officers of the Commissariat, which Department has been carried on most successfully.

I should not do Justice to the Service, or to my own Feelings, if I did not take this Opportunity of drawing your Lordship's Attention to the Merits of Marshal Beresford. To him exclusively, under the

Portuguese Government, is due the Merit of having raised, formed, disciplined, and equipped the Portuguese Army, which has now shown itself capable of engaging and defeating the Enemy.

I have besides received from him, upon all Occasions, all the Assistance which his Experience and Abilities, and his Knowledge of this Country, have qualified him to afford me.

The Enemy has made no Movement in Estremadura, or in the Northern Provinces, since I addressed your Lordship last.

My last Accounts from Cadiz are of the 9th Instant.

I inclose a Return of the Killed and Wounded of the Allied Armies in the Course of the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th Instant. I send this Dispatch by my Aid-de-Camp Captain Burgh, to whom I beg to refer your Lordship for any further Details, and to recommend him to your Lordship's Notice.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) WELLINGTON.

*Return of the Number of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Army under the Command of Lieutenant-General Lord Viscount Wellington, K. B. in the Advance of the French Army towards the Position of Bufaco, on the 25th and 26th of September 1810.*

General Staff—1 Captain, wounded.

14th Light Dragoons—1 Horse, killed; 1 Serjeant, 2 Rank and File, 4 Horses, wounded; 3 Rank and File, 7 Horses, missing.

16th Light Dragoons—2 Horses, killed; 1 Cornet, 4 Horses, wounded; 4 Rank and File, 3 Horses, missing.

1st Hussars King's German Legion—2 Horses, killed; 1 Serjeant, 3 Rank and File, 4 Horses, wounded.

Total—5 Horses, killed; 1 Captain, 1 Cornet, 2 Serjeants, 5 Rank and File, 12 Horses, wounded; 7 Rank and File, 10 Horses, missing.

*Names of Officers wounded.*

99th Foot—Captain Hoey, Deputy-Assistant-Adjutant-General, severely.

16th Light Dragoons—Cornet Keating, slightly.

C. STEWART, Maj. Gen. and Adj. Gen.

*List of Officers Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the Army under the Command of Lieutenant-General Lord Viscount Wellington, K. B. in the Action with the French Army, commanded by Marshal Massena, in the Position of Bufaco, on the 27th of Sept. 1810.*

*Killed.*

1st Batt. 45th Foot—Major Smith, Captain Urquhart, and Lieutenant Ouseley.

74th Foot—Ensign Williams.

1st Batt. 88th Foot—Lieutenant Henry Johnson.

*Wounded.*

1st Batt. 52d Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel Barclay, slightly.

70th Foot—Lieutenant-Colonel C. Campbell, Assistant Adjutant-General, ditto.

43d Foot—Captain Lord Fitzroy Somerset, Aide-de-Camp to Lord Wellington, ditto.

1st Foot Guards—Captain Marquis of Tweeddale, Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-General, ditto.