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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been received at the Earl of Liverpool's Office, addressed to his Lordship, by Lieutenant-General Viscount Wellington. Those of the 3d of November were received upon the 16th Instant; those of the 27th October, upon the 17th Instant; and those of the 20th October, this Day.

MY LORD. *Pero Negro, October 20, 1810.*

SINCE I addressed you, the Enemy have been employed principally in reconnoitering the Positions occupied by our Troops, and in strengthening their own. In effecting the former Object they have skirmished with the Troops on our Out-Posts, who have always conducted themselves well.

On the 14th they attacked with Infantry, supported by Artillery, a small Detachment of the 71st Regiment, which formed the Advanced Guard of Lieutenant-General Sir Brent Spencer's Division, near Sobral de Montagaree, in order to cover one of their reconnoitering Parties. This Detachment having the Honourable Lieutenant-Colonel Cadogan and Lieutenant-Colonel Reynell at their Head, charged the Enemy in the most gallant Style, and drove them into the Town.

The whole of the 8th Corps d'Armée, however, and Part of the 6th, arrived on the Ground near Sobral on that Evening; and I therefore thought it proper to withdraw Lieutenant-General Sir Brent Spencer's Division from the advanced Situation which it had occupied, and these Troops marched to Zibreira, about One Mile in the Rear, on the 15th in the Morning.

The Gun-Boats on the Tagus, under Lieutenant Berkeley, with which Admiral Berkeley has supported the Right of the Army near Allhandra, have likewise been engaged with the Enemy's reconnoitering Parties, and have been of great Service to us.

I have the Pleasure to inform your Lordship, that the Report which I communicated to you in my last Dispatch, regarding the March of the Detachments of Troops under the Command of General Barcellar, has been confirmed.

Colonel Trant arrived near Coimbra on the 7th, and immediately attacked the Enemy's Out-Posts, which he cut off from the Town, and he then pushed into it and took possession of it. The Resistance made by the Enemy did not last long, and he took Eighty Officers and Five Thousand Men (principally sick and wounded) Prisoners. I have the Honour to enclose the Copy of his Report to Marshal Beresford, and of a Letter from Marshal Beresford upon this Success.

On the following Day Brigadier-General Miller and Colonel Wilson arrived at Coimbra with their Detachments, and they have since taken about Three Hundred and Fifty Prisoners, being Soldiers who had straggled from their Regiments, on the Enemy's March, as they say, in Search of Food.

Colonel Wilson has since advanced to Condeixa, with an advanced Guard of Infantry and Cavalry, and Brigadier-General Miller is at Coimbra.

I inclose a Letter from Marshal Beresford on these Transactions.

A Detachment from the Garrison of Peniché, sent out by Brigadier-General Blunt, under Captain Fenwick, has been successful in a similar Manner, and has brought in Forty-eight Prisoners made in the Rear of the Enemy's Army, having killed Nine; and Lieutenant-Colonel Waters, who has been employed by me with small Detachments of Cavalry and Infantry, also in the Enemy's Rear, has taken many Prisoners.

The Difficulties which the Enemy experience in procuring Subsistence, owing to their having invaded this Country without Magazines, and having adopted no Measures for the Security of their Rear, or of their Communication with Spain, has rendered it necessary for the Soldiers to straggle in Search of