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A DISPATCH, of which the following is an Extract, has been this Morning received at the Earl of Liverpool's Office, addressed to his Lordship by Lieutenant-General Viscount Wellington, dated Cartaxo, 9th of February.

THE Enemy have continued in the Neighbourhood of Badajoz, and have broke Ground before the Place on the Left of the Guadiana, and have thrown some Shells into the Town. The bad Weather, however, has obliged them to draw in the greatest Part of their Cavalry from the Ground between Badajoz and Elvas; and the Communication has been re-established.

General Mendizabel sent Orders to General Venies to advance, which Measure I had before recommended to him; and General Mendizabel himself met the Troops at Elvas on the Morning of the 6th Instant; they marched on and passed the Caya; and the Infantry entered Badajoz and the Fort of Christoval, on the Right of the Guadiana, on the Afternoon of the 6th. The French Cavalry retired, and passed the Evora, and were pursued some Distance by the Spanish Cavalry, and a Brigade of Portuguese Cavalry, under Brig. Gen. Madden, who took some Cattle, Baggage, &c.: but the Attack, if any was intended to be made, upon the French Troops on the Left of the Guadiana was deferred till the following Day.

I have received from General Ballasteros a Letter dated the 27th January, from which it appears that his Action of the 25th was very well contested; that the Loss of the Enemy, who were much superior in Numbers, was Two Thousand Men killed and wounded; and that the Retreat of the Spanish Detachment was made in good Order.

By the last Accounts from the Frontiers of Beira, it appears that a Part of Claparede's Division of the 9th Corps was still upon Guarda on the 4th Instant, with an Advanced Guard upon Belmonte. This was the Position he was ordered to take on the 5th of January by General Drouet, referred to in my Dispatch of the 12th Ultimo.

General Foix arrived at Salamanca from Paris, with Letters for Massena, on the 13th January, and I imagine that he Yesterday reached the Head-

Quarters of the Army. He had with him an Escort of between Two or Three Thousand Men.

Colonel Grant, who commands the Ordenanza in Lower Beira, had followed to the Neighbourhood of Sobugal the Detachment which escorted the Couriers which marched from the Zeyre on the 22d of January, and had taken much Baggage from them and several Prisoners. On his Return, he attacked General Foix's Escort, with a fresh Detachment of Ordenanza, at Enxabarda, at the Entrance of the Estrada Nova; and I enclose his Report of the 2d Instant on this Affair, and an Extract of his Report of the 4th Instant to Marshal Sir William Beresford, and the Marshal's Letter to me.

I hear from the Enemy's Head-Quarters that they state they lost Five Hundred Men in this Affair.

There has been no Movement of any Importance in the Enemy's Army since I addressed your Lordship.

MY LORD, Chamusca, February 7, 1811.

I HAVE the Honour to transmit to your Lordship the Report of Lieutenant-Colonel Grant, whom some time since I sent to superintend and command the Ordenanza on the Frontier of Lower Beira, and towards Guarda. The Force of the Enemy, differently stated, appears to have been between Two and Three Thousand, and was under the Orders of General Foix, and apparently to serve as his Escort to enable him to join Marshal Massena. Lieutenant-Colonel Grant took Post at Enxabarda, near the Commencement of Estrada Nova, coming from towards Fundaõ, and under which the Enemy was obliged to pass. The Success of Lieutenant-Colonel Grant, and the Loss of the Enemy, have been much greater than either the Number of Men that the Lieutenant-Colonel had with him, or than Circumstances would have given reason to look for, and will give great Animation and Encouragement to this Nature of Warfare in all that Part of the Country. The People engaged have got very considerable Booty, as there is no French Soldier that has not much of what he has pillaged about him; and he is always a good Prize for his Captor.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. C. BERESFORD, Marshal.