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A DISPATCH, of which the following is an Extract, has been received at the Office of the Earl of Liverpool, addressed to His Lordship by Lord Viscount Wellington.

*Quinta de Granicha, June 13, 1811.*

IN consequence of a Report from the Chief Engineer, Lieutenant-Colonel Fletcher, that the Fire from St. Christoval might occasion the Loss of many Lives in the Operations on the Left of the Guadiana, and the Breach in that Outwork having been apparently much improved by the Fire throughout the 6th, I directed that an Attempt might be made to carry St. Christoval by storm that Night. Major-General Houlstoun, who conducted the Operations of the Siege on the Right of the Guadiana, accordingly ordered a Detachment under Major Macintosh of the 85th Regiment to make the Attempt. The Men advanced under a very heavy Fire of Musquetry and Hand-Grenades from the Outwork, and of Shot and Shells from the Town, with the utmost Intrepidity, and in the best Order, to the Bottom of the Breach; the Advanced Guard being led by Ensign Dyas of the 51st Regiment, who volunteered to perform this Duty; but they found that the Enemy had cleared the Rubbish from the Bottom of the Escarp; and notwithstanding that they were provided with Ladders it was impossible to mount it. They retired with some Loss.

The Fire upon St. Christoval, as well as upon the Place, continued on the 7th, 8th, and 9th, on which Day the Breach in the Wall of St. Christoval appeared practicable, and I directed that a second Attempt should be made on that Night to obtain Possession of that Outwork.

Major-General Houlstoun ordered another Detachment for this Service, under the Command of Major MacGeachy, of the 17th Portuguese Regiment, who, with the Officers destined to command the different Parties composing the Detachment, had been employed throughout the 8th and 9th in reconnoitring the Breach, and the different Approaches to it.

They advanced, at about Nine at Night, in the best Order, though opposed by the same Means and with the same Determination, as had been opposed to the Detachment which had made the Attempt on the 6th.

Ensign Dyas again led the Advance, and the storming Party arrived at the Foot of the Breach; but they found it impossible to mount it, the Enemy having again cleared the Rubbish from the Bottom of the Escarp. The Detachment suffered considerably, and Major MacGeachy, the commanding Officer, was unfortunately killed, and others of the Officers fell; but the Troops continued to maintain their Station till Major-General Houlstoun ordered them to retire.

When the Reinforcements had arrived from the Frontiers of Castille after the Battle of Albuera, I undertook the Siege of Badajoz, entertaining a Belief that the Means of which I had the Command would reduce the Place before the End of the second Week in June; at which Time I expected that the Reinforcements for the Enemy's Southern Army detached from Castille would join Marshal Soult.

I was unfortunately mistaken in my Estimate of the Quality of those Means.

We had failed in two Attempts to obtain Possession of Fort St. Christoval; and it was obvious to me that we could not obtain Possession of that Outwork, without performing a Work which would have required the Labour of several Days to complete.

On the Morning of the 10th Instant, I received the inclosed intercepted Dispatch from the Duke of Dalmatia to the Duke of Ragusa, which pointed out clearly the Enemy's Design to collect in Estremadura their whole Force; and I had Reason to believe that Drouet's Corps, which had marched from Toledo on the 28th and 29th of May, and was expected at Cordova on the 5th and 6th Instant, would have joined the Southern Army by the 10th; and it was generally expected in the Country that the Southern Army would have moved by that Time.

The Movement of this Army alone would have created a Necessity for raising the Siege; but on the same Morning I received Accounts from the Frontiers of Castille, which left no Doubt of the Destination of the Army of Portugal to the Southward; and gave ground for Belief that they would arrive at Merida on the 15th Instant.

I therefore ordered that the Siege might be raised.

I have every Reason to be satisfied with the Conduct of all the Officers and Troops employed at the