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A DISPATCH, of which the following is an Extract, was on Sunday received at Lord Liverpool's Office, addressed to His Lordship by Lieutenant-General Viscount Wellington, dated Quinta de St. Joao 20th June 1811.

THE Enemy moved forward his Advanced Guard, consisting of about Ten Thousand Men, to Los Santos, on the Morning of the 13th.

Upon this Occasion Lieutenant Streenowitz, of the 21st Light Dragoons, was sent out by Major-General Sir William Erskine to reconnoitre the Enemy, with a small Detachment of the 2d Hussars and 3d Dragoon Guards, which distinguished themselves in an Attack upon a superior Number of the Enemy, and took some Prisoners.

I had arranged that the Cavalry and 2d and 4th Divisions of the Allied British and Portuguese Army, and the Corps of Spanish Troops under General Blake, should collect if the Enemy should advance to interrupt the Siege or Blockade of Badajoz; and I went to Albuera on that Night to superintend the Movements of the Troops.

I also moved, on the Night of the 13th, General Hamilton's Division from the Blockade of Badajoz, with an Intention to stop the Enemy in case the Army of the South alone should have moved forward.

On the 14th, in the Night, Lieutenant Ayling of the 40th Regiment, who had been employed to observe the Movements of the Enemy, arrived at Albuera with the Account, that the Advanced Guard of the Enemy's Army of Portugal from Castile had entered Truxillo at Noon the 13th, which confirmed the other Accounts which I had received of their Progress up to the 12th, and as from Truxillo they might have been at Merida on the 15th, and in Communication with the Army of the South, I determined to raise the Blockade of Badajoz, and that all the Allied Troops should cross the Guadiana on the 17th. This was accordingly effected without Difficulty or Loss of any Description; and General Blake likewise crossed with his Corps at Juramenha on the 17th.

Since that Period, the Allied British and Portuguese Army have been encamped in the Woods upon the Caya about Torre de Mouro, having their

Right upon the Ponte de Caya; the 3d and 7th Divisions and Brigadier-General Madden's Cavalry being in Campo Mayor. And the Troops which had been under the Command of Lieutenant-General Sir Brent Spencer on the Frontiers of Castile, have crossed the Tagus at Villa Velha in proportion as the Enemy have crossed that River at Almaraz. The whole are now upon the Caya; between this Place and Arronches.

The Enemy's Advance have appeared in the Neighbourhood of Badajoz this Day, and I conceive that their whole Army will be collected Tomorrow.

The Enemy have collected upon this Occasion all their Force from Castile, their whole Force from Madrid, and what is called their Centre Army, and all their Force from Andalusia, excepting what is absolutely necessary to maintain their Position before Cadiz, and that held by Sebastian in the Eastern Kingdoms of Andalusia.

The Enemy have abandoned Old and New Castile, with the Exception of a small Garrison in Madrid, and have risked every Thing in all Parts of Spain, in order to collect this large Army in Extremadura.

Admiralty Office, July 16, 1811.

Copy of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sawyer, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the Coast of North America, to John Wilson Croker Esq; dated on board the Africa, at Bermuda, the 11th June 1811.

SIR,

ENCLOSED I transmit to you, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Copy of a Letter from Captain Arthur Batt Bingham, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Lille Belt, received this Day from Lord James Townshend, Captain of His Majesty's Ship *Ceolus*, and Senior Officer at Halifax; by which Their Lordships will perceive he was attacked on the Evening of the 16th May last, when cruising between Cape Henry and Cape Hatteras, by the United States Frigate the *President*, of Forty-four Guns, commanded by Commodore Rogers; and that after a close Action of Three Quarters of an Hour the American Ship made sail from him.