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AT the Court at *Whitehall*, the 19th of *August* 1811,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

IT is ordered, by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in Council, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, that the Parliament which stands prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-second of this instant August, be further prorogued to Friday the Fourth Day of October next.

*Downing-Street, August 23, 1811.*

DISPATCHES have been received at the Office of the Earl of Liverpool, addressed to His Lordship from General Viscount Wellington, of which the following are Extracts:

*Extract of a Dispatch from General Lord Viscount Wellington, dated Portalegre, 25th July 1811.*

THE Enemy's Cavalry left Merida on the Morning of the 17th. The Enemy have since continued their March upon Almaraz; and on the 20th, One Division of Infantry had arrived at Placentia. On the same Day Marshal Marmont was at Almaraz, and other Divisions had marched from Truxillo in the same Direction. One Division of Infantry and some Cavalry still remained at Truxillo according to the last Accounts.

There is nothing new in the North. Joseph Bonaparte was at Valladolid on the 10th, and proceeded on the 12th on his Journey towards Madrid.

*Extract of a Dispatch from General Lord Viscount Wellington, dated Castello Branco, 1st August 1811.*

I HAVE moved the whole Army to their Left. I propose that they shall take up their Cantonments in Lower Beira instead of Alemejo.

The Army of Portugal remain in the Position which I informed Your Lordship that they occupied in my Dispatch of the 25th July, excepting that the Division at Placentia has extended through the Mountains to Bejar and Baños.

By a Letter from General Silveira of the 21st of July, which I received on the 26th, I learnt that General Santocildes had retired with the Army of Galicia from the Neighbourhood of Astorga to Manganal on the 17th, in consequence of Marshal Bessieres having collected at Beavente a Force consisting of Eleven Thousand Infantry and Fifteen Hundred Cavalry.

Admiralty Office, August 22, 1811.

*Copy of a Letter from Captain Murchier, of His Majesty's Sloop the Hawk, to Admiral Sir Roger Curtis Bart. dated at Sea, August 19, 1811, and transmitted by him to J. W. Croker Esq.*

SIR,

I BEG Leave to state to you, that in obedience to your Directions I proceeded in His Majesty's Brig under my Command to the Eastward of St. Marcou, in order to intercept any of the Enemy's Trade bound to the Westward; at Two P. M. St. Marcou bearing W. by N. Six Leagues, we observed from the Mast-Head a Convoy of French Vessels steering for Barfeur; all Sail was immediately made in Chace, and on our near Approach, we perceived them to be protected by Three Armed National Brigs and Two large Luggers, the former carrying from Twelve to Sixteen Guns, the latter from Eight to Ten each, apparently well manned. Convinced from their hauling out from their Convoy in close Order, it was their Intention to attack us, I immediately hove to to receive them, and at Half-Past Three P. M., Point Piercu bearing N.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. Four Miles, the Action commenced within Half Pistol-Shot, and continued with great Spirit on both Sides until we succeeded in driving on shore Two of the Brigs and the Two Luggers, with Fifteen Sail of their Convoy; but in the Act of wearing to prevent the third Brig raking us, we unfortunately grounded, which enabled her and a few of her Convoy to escape, although having previously struck to us. My whole Attention at this Time was getting His Majesty's Brig off by lightening her of her Booms, Spars, Anchors, and a few of her Guns, &c. which was effected in an Hour and a Half, under incessant Discharges of Artillery and Musketry, which completely lined the Shore. I thought