

my Horse received a Wound which has made him unfit for Service.

This Day has covered with Glory my Officers and Soldiers; I cannot sufficiently praise their Valour, Enthusiasm, and Resolution in the Battle, and their Obedience to my Word of Command amidst the greatest Dangers. They have preserved the Honour of the Spanish Arms, and acquired a new Triumph, which will be read with Pleasure in our Military Annals; and I most particularly recommend the brave Winners of this Victory, who have entitled themselves to every Distinction.

I immediately proceeded to Huesca, the Garrison of which had fled, from Fear of falling into my Power. I found many useful Effects and Five Spanish Officers, whom they kept Prisoners in the Place, they have been rescued and have proceeded to join their Regiments; I returned Niter on the 22d, and after giving my Troops some Repose, I shall take a new Direction.

God preserve your Excellency many Years.

Most Excellent Sir,

(Signed) FRANCISCO ESPOZ Y MINA.
Sanguesa, October 12, 1811.

To Don Gabriel de Mendizabel (the above for your Excellency's Information.)

(Signed) FRANCISCO ESPOZ Y MINA.

To the Most Excellent Senor General Sir Howard Douglas, on a Mission to the North of Spain.

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Mina to Sir Howard Douglas, Bart. dated Sanguesa, 26th October, 1811.

OUR Army of Valencia has been several Times successful against the Enemy. El Empecinado and General Duran reduced, on the 4th of October, the Garrison of Calatuyud of Eight Hundred Men. A great Quantity of Grain, with many valuable Necessaries, were found within the Walls; the former was distributed amongst the Farmers and Inhabitants of the District, the latter amongst the Soldiers. They likewise captured the Garrison of Fausme, consisting of One Officer and Thirty-nine Men; and attacked a French Column marching from Almania to the Relief of Calatuyud, killing Fifteen Cuirassiers, and making Six Prisoners, among whom was Colonel Guillot the Commander.

General Duran is stationed near Calatuyud; El

Empecinado at Molina, and on the Roads to Teruel and Daroca; Generals Mahi and the Comde de Montijo are arrived at Cuenca with Six Thousand Men from the Third Army.

Admiralty-Office, December 7, 1811.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to John Wilson Croker, Esq; dated on board the Caldonia, Port Mahon, 2d November 1811.

AS I doubt not their Lordships will be very desirous of Information, as to the State of Affairs on this Side of Spain, I herewith transmit Copies for their Satisfaction of the latest Dispatches I have received from Captain Eyre, of His Majesty's Ship Magnificent, detailing the most recent Transactions in the Province of Valencia, and also from Captain Codrington, commanding off the Coast of Catalonia.

The Conduct of the Spanish Commanders at Oropesa, which is mentioned by Captain Eyre, has been well supported by the Gallantry of Lieutenants Astley and Hiatt, who, under the very judicious Orders of Captain Eyre, brought him off with his little Garrison.

I have to express my complete Approbation of Captain Eyre's Measures, and have much Satisfaction in employing the Services of that excellent Officer in Aid of the Valencian Patriots.

The more remote Operations of the French Troops under Suchet seem to have afforded the Catalans an Opportunity, of which they have profited, to renew their Exertions with considerable Vigour, and Successes of no mean Account, have rewarded their Enterprizes:

*Magnificent, off Valencia,
14th Oct. 1811.*

SIR,

UPON my Arrival at this Place, on the 8th Instant, I lost no Time in assuring General Blake, of my readiness to undertake any Service in which I could be useful in forwarding his Plans for the Defence of this Province, and the next Day I received from His Excellency a Letter containing a Request that I would endeavour to relieve the Castle of Oropesa, which was closely invested by the Enemy, and much distressed for Provisions.

I in consequence immediately proceeded thither, with Three Gun Boats which the General had put under my Command, and arrived there on the Evening of the 11th, when I learnt that the Castle had surrendered the preceding Day, and that Two Thousand of the Enemy's Troops were in the Town; a Tower, however, about a Mile from Oropesa, and only a short distance from the Sea, had the Spanish Flag still flying, and the Enemy were discovered constructing a strong Battery against it, within Musket Shot.

Having found Means to communicate with the Tower, I received a Letter from the Commandant, informing me, that although he had refused to Capitulate when summoned the Day before, it would be impossible for him to hold out many Hours