

were immediately driven in by the detachments stationed in the communication to protect the attack.

Major-General Kempt mentions in high terms in his report the cool and persevering gallantry of the officers and troops; of which indeed the strength of the work, which they carried, affords the best proof. He particularly mentions Lieutenant-Colonel Harding, of the staff of the Portuguese army, who attended him on this occasion, Captain Bennett his Aide-de-camp, and Brigade-Major Wilde, who was unfortunately killed by a cannon-shot after the work was in our possession; likewise Captain Holloway, Lieutenant Gipps and Stanway, of the Royal Engineers, who conducted the several detachments to the points of attack; and Majors Shaw and Rudd, and the Honourable Captain Powys, who commanded the several detachments. These three officers were wounded, the latter on the parapet of the work, which he had been the first to mount by the ladders.

I have to add to this account, the high sense I entertain of the judicious manner and gallantry with which Major-General Kempt carried into execution the service which I had entrusted to him.

We thus established ourselves in La Picurina, on the night of the 25th, and opened the second parallel within three hundred yards of the body of the place; in which two batteries were commenced last night.

It is impossible that I can do justice to the zeal, activity, and indefatigable labour of the officers and soldiers with which these operations have been carried on in the most unfavourable weather. The Guadiana swelled so considerably, that, notwithstanding all precautions, our bridge of pontoons was carried away on the 22d instant; and the flying bridges were so much injured, as almost to become useless; but still the operations have been carried on without interruption.

Since I addressed your Lordship on the 20th, General Drouet has had his troops on the line between Medellin on the Guadiana, and Zalamea de la Serena, and Llerena, apparently with the view of keeping the communication open between the Army of the South and the divisions of the Army of Portugal, stationed on the Tagus.

Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham made a movement to Llerena on the 25th at night, but the enemy, consisting of three battalions of infantry and two regiments of cavalry, having heard of his march, retired into the mountains during the night.

Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill has likewise sent a detachment to La Guarena, and proposed to march himself this morning upon Medellin, in order to co-operate with Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham.

I inclose the return of the killed, wounded and missing, from the 18th instant.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the Army, under the Command of His Excellency General Arthur Earl of Wellington, K. B. at the Siege of Badajoz, from the 18th to the 22d March 1812 inclusive.

Head-Quarters, Camp before Badajoz, March 23, 1812.

Royal Engineers—1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 lieutenant, 1 rank and file, wounded.
 General Staff—1 general staff wounded.
 14th Light Dragoons—2 rank and file wounded.
 5th Foot, 2d Batt.—6 rank and file killed; 17 rank and file wounded.
 7th Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 6 rank and file, wounded.
 23d Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 1 major, 17 rank and file, wounded.
 27th Foot, 3d Batt.—1 serjeant, 5 rank and file, killed; 1 serjeant, 34 rank and file, wounded.
 40th Foot, 1st Batt.—3 rank and file killed; 24 rank and file wounded; 1 rank and file missing.
 43d Foot, 1st Batt.—1 serjeant, 1 rank and file, killed; 1 captain, 10 rank and file, wounded.
 45th Foot, 1st Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 10 rank and file wounded.
 52d Foot, 1st Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 1 ensign, 1 serjeant, 4 rank and file, wounded.
 60th Foot, 5th Batt.—3 rank and file killed; 3 rank and file wounded.
 74th Foot—1 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 1 serjeant, 26 rank and file, wounded.
 77th Foot.—1 rank and file killed; 5 rank and file wounded.
 83d Foot, 2d Batt.—1 rank and file killed; 2 serjeants, 1 drummer, 21 rank and file, wounded; 2 rank and file missing.
 88th Foot, 1st Batt.—5 rank and file killed; 2 lieutenants, 24 rank and file, wounded; 1 rank and file missing.
 94th Foot—1 rank and file killed; 1 serjeant, 8 rank and file, wounded.
 95th Foot, 1st Batt.—5 rank and file killed; 1 lieutenant, 6 rank and file, wounded.
 95th Foot, 3d Batt.—2 rank and file killed; 6 rank and file wounded.
 N. B. The man returned missing by the 88th regiment on the 21st March, is since ascertained to be dead.

Return of Killed, Wounded, and Missing, of the Army under the Command of His Excellency General Arthur Earl of Wellington, K. B. at the Siege of Badajoz, from the 23d to 26th March-1812, inclusive.

Head Quarters, Camp before Badajoz, 27th March 1812.

Royal Engineers—1 lieutenant, 1 rank and file, killed; 1 major, 1 captain wounded.