

retreat, having been ordered to fire upon the enemy's cavalry, and the rain having prevented their pieces from going off, broke, and threw the retreating troops into disorder; and the enemy took about one hundred and fifty prisoners.

The troops were formed again, however, on the left of the Mondego, and retired upon Celorico; General Bacellar keeping the advanced posts under Brigadier-General Wilson at Lagiosa. On the following morning, the 15th, the enemy advanced in considerable force, and drove in Brigadier-General Wilson's out posts at Lagiosa.

The enemy retired from Lagiosa in the course of the night of the 15th, and from Guarda on the 16th, which town was occupied on the 17th by the troops under the command of Brigadier-General Wilson.

Your Lordship will be happy to learn, that the officers of the militia behaved remarkably well. It appears to me, that Brigadier-General Trant and Brigadier-General Wilson did every thing they ought to have done.

The partial success over the Portuguese militia on their retreat from Guarda, and the murder and plunder of the inhabitants of a few villages in Lower Beira, already suffering from the enemy's former depredations, are the only fruits of Marshal Marmont's expedition within the Portuguese frontier, to divert our attention from the siege of Badajoz.

While the troops belonging to the army of Portugal have been collected for this service, I learn from General Castanos that General Abadia had ordered the Spanish troops in the Asturias to move into Leon; where Brigadier Moreno had had some partial success against a French detachment at Otero de las Duenas. Don Julian Sanchez likewise, who has continued with his cavalry in Castile, has been very successful on the enemy's communications and against their convoys.

By accounts from the South I learn, that neither the Conde de Penne Villemur nor General Ballasteros entered Seville, while Marshal Soult was in Estremadura, in the commencement of this month.

The Conde de Penne Villemur is now on his return into Estremadura, with the troops of the 5th army.

General Drouet is at Fuente Ovejuna, in Cordova, with the troops under his command; and Marshal Soult at Seville, according to the last accounts of the 21st instant, which I have received from Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill.

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

*Downing-Street, May 12, 1812.*

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been received this morning at the Earl of Liverpool's Office, addressed to his Lordship by General the Earl of Wellington, dated Fuente Guinaldo, April 29, 1812.

*Fuente Guinaldo, April 29, 1812.*

THE enemy have continued their retreat since I addressed your Lordship on the 24th instant.

No movement has been made to the south. General Drouet was still, by the last accounts, at Fuente de Ovejuna, in Cordova.

The Conde de Penne Villemur has returned into Estremadura with the troops under his command.

*War-Office, May 11, 1812.*

In consequence of the distinguished gallantry displayed by the 2d Battalion 59th Regiment, in the battle fought at Corunna, on the 16th January 1809, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to approve of the word *Corunna* being borne upon the colours and appointments of the 59th Regiment, in addition to any other badges or devices which have heretofore been granted to that regiment.

*War-Office, May 12, 1812.*

5th Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Assistant-Surgeon John R. Elmore, from the 73d Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice M'Fadzen, placed on half-pay.

1st Regiment of Dragoons, Captain Charles Purvis to be Major, without purchase.

Lieutenant Frederick Watson to be Captain of a Troop, vice Purvis.

Cornet W. Henry Watson to be Lieutenant, vice Watson.

John Henry Slade, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Watson.

3d Ditto, Lieutenant Thomas Tatlock, from the Royal Waggon Train, to be Lieutenant, vice Gerrard, who exchanges.

7th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Captain Edward Hodge to be Major, by purchase, vice Cholmley, who retires.

Lieutenant John Henry Robeck to be Captain of a Troop, by purchase, vice Hodge.

Cornet John G. Maddison to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Robeck.

9th Ditto, Captain George Gore to be Major, without purchase.

Lieutenant John Clerke to be Captain of a Troop, vice Gore.

10th Ditto, John Charles Farmer, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Eversfield, promoted.

12th Ditto, Cornet Lindsay James Bertie to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Hall, who retires.