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*Queen's Palace, July 6, 1812.*

**B**Y Her Majesty's command, the Bulletin of His Majesty's health will in future be exhibited at St. James's Palace on the Sunday next ensuing after the first Saturday in each month.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

*Downing-Street, July 9, 1812.*

**A** DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been this day received at Lord Bathurst's Office, addressed to the Earl of Liverpool, by General the Earl of Wellington, dated Salamanca, 18th June 1812.

**T**HE army crossed the Agueda on the 13th instant, and marched forward in three columns, the troops under Don Carlos d'España forming a fourth; and the whole arrived upon the Valmusa, a rivulet about six miles from hence, on the 16th. The enemy shewed some cavalry, and a small body of infantry, in front of the town on that day, and manifested a design to hold the heights on the south side of the Tormes, but their cavalry were immediately driven in by our's; and the enemy evacuated Salamanca on the night of the 16th, leaving a garrison of about eight hundred men in the fortifications which they had erected on the ruins of the colleges and convents which they have demolished.

By the fire from these they protect the passage of the Tormes, by the bridge; and our troops crossed that river yesterday morning by two fords which are in this neighbourhood.

The forts were immediately invested by the 6th division, under the command of Major-General Clinton, and having been accurately reconnoitred, it

was found necessary to break ground before them; this was done last night, and I hope that we shall commence our fire to-morrow morning from eight pieces of cannon, at the distance of three hundred yards from the principal of the enemy's works, the possession of which will, I hope, give us the possession of the others. Major-General Clinton conducted these operations.

It is impossible to describe the joy of the people of the town upon our entrance. They have now been suffering for more than three years, during which time the French, among other acts of oppression, have destroyed thirteen of twenty-five convents, and twenty-two of twenty-five colleges which existed in this celebrated seat of learning.

The enemy retired by the road to Toro, and their rear-guard was about fifteen miles from hence last night; they retired again this morning by the same road, and I understand that they intend to collect their army on the Douro, between Toro and Zamora.

I enclose a letter from Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill and its enclosures, being two from Major-General Slade, giving an account of an affair which he had with the enemy on the 11th instant, in which, owing to the eagerness and impetuosity of the troops, considerable loss was sustained.

I have reports from the South, stating that General Ballasteros had had an action with the enemy near Bornos on the 1st instant, of which I have not received the details or any regular confirmation, notwithstanding there is no doubt of the fact.—The result has been stated differently by the two parties, and it is reported by the enemy that Ballasteros is badly wounded; but they have reinforced their troops in that direction since the action, from

