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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, September 10, 1812.

MAJOR D'OYLY, Aid-de-Camp to Major-General Cooke, has this morning arrived with dispatches, addressed to the Earl Bathurst by Major-General Cooke, dated Cadiz, 26th August, of which the following are a copy and an extract:

My LORD, *Cadiz, August 26, 1812.*

I BEG leave to refer your Lordship to the enclosed copy of a letter to General the Earl of Wellington, reporting that the enemy abandoned his position opposite to this place and the Isla de Leon, on the night of the 24th and morning of the 25th.

My Aid-de-Camp Major D'Oyly will have the honour to deliver this satisfactory intelligence.

I have the honour to be, &c.

GEO. COOKE, Major-Gen.

My LORD, *Cadiz, August 26, 1812.*

I HAVE the pleasure to inform your Lordship, that the enemy abandoned his positions and works opposite to Cadiz and the Island, on the night of the 24th and morning of the 25th, except the town of Port Santa Maria, where a body of troops remained till the middle of the day, and then withdrew to the Cartuga. He has left a very numerous artillery in the several works, and a large quantity of stores and powder; and although most of the ordnance has been rendered useless, he appears to have retired from his position with more precipitation than I should have expected.

A considerable body of cavalry was brought down previous to the retreat commencing.

The towns of Puerto Real and Chiclana are now occupied by detachments of Spanish troops, and a party from the 2d Hanoverian hussars is at

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the first-mentioned place, to which Colonel Lambert had moved from the Portazzo with them, and some light troops from this division.

I have the honour to be, &c.

GEO. COOKE.

The Earl of Wellington, &c. &c.

(Extract.)

I TAKE this opportunity of informing your

Lordship, that Colonel Skerrett and the Spanish troops, under General Cruz, were at Manzanilla on the 22d, where they remained to draw the attention of Marshal Soult.

I beg to state to your Lordship, that the Regency has given orders to commence a cut across the Trocadero immediately, by a considerable number of workmen, so as to insulate it.

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