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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, September 24, 1812.

DISPATCHES, of which the following are extracts and copies, have been this day received at Earl Bathurst's Office, addressed to his Lordship by General the Marquess of Wellington, dated Madrid, 25th and 30th August, and Valladolid, 7th and 8th September.

Madrid, 25th August 1812:

JOSEPH BUONAPARTE has continued his march towards Valencia, and according to the last accounts which I have received, his rear guard was on the 19th at La Roda.

I have received a letter of the 17th from Lieutenant-General Maitland, who had marched from Alicante, and was at Montforte. General Roche was at Alcoy, from whence Suchet had retired to St. Felipe; and it was supposed he was about to cross the Xucar. General O'Donnell was on the same day at Yecla, in Murcia.

The enemy's troops from Valladolid drove in Major-General Anson's picquets at Tudela, on the 18th. The Major-General however still maintains them on the left of the Douro.

The enemy have moved a body of troops from the neighbourhood of Valladolid, consisting of about six thousand infantry and twelve hundred cavalry, under General Foy, which, on the 17th, carried off the garrison of Toro.

They then were joined by a body of infantry of the same strength, which had likewise marched from the Pisuegra on the Rio Seco, and the whole were, on the 20th, about two leagues distant from Benevente, the Gallician troops, with the exception of the cavalry, which still remained at Benevente,

having marched towards Astorga. The enemy had left the garrison of Zamora still blockaded by the Conde d'Amarante; but I have reason to believe that they will relieve that garrison on their return from their expedition towards Astorga.

By accounts from Cadiz of the 9th, I learn that General Cruz had returned to that port with the detachment which had been sent to the eastward for the relief of General Ballasteros. Another expedition had immediately been fitted out. These troops had been landed at Huelva on the 14th and 15th instant, but the enemy evacuated and destroyed the castle of Niebla on the 12th.

Madrid, August 30, 1812.

SINCE I wrote to your Lordship on the 25th instant, I have received reports that the garrison of Astorga had surrendered by capitulation on the 19th to the number of one thousand two hundred men. General Foy arrived at La Bañeza for their relief on the 21st, with the detachment which I informed you was in march for that purpose; and his parties found the place abandoned by the Spanish troops, the French garrison having been carried away as prisoners.

My LORD, Valladolid, Sept. 7, 1812.

UPON referring to my dispatch to your Lordship of the 24th of July, as printed in the London Gazette of the 16th August, I observe that, although I reported my sense of the conduct of the German brigade of heavy cavalry under Major-General Baron Bock, on the 23d July, I omitted to include the name of the Major-General in the enumeration which the dispatch contains of officers who had opportunities of distinguishing themselves.