

at Seville by the enemy, before they withdrew their force from thence, but I have received no authentic account of the raising of the blockade.

I beg to congratulate your Lordship upon these events.

I have halted here this day to give rest to the troops, which have marched for several days.

I have the honour to be, &c.

WELLINGTON.

Carlton-House, September 22, 1812.

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Recorder, Sheriffs, Common Council, and Officers of the City of London, waited upon His Royal Highness the Prince Regent (being introduced by the Marquess of Hertford) with the following Address, which was read by John Silvester, Esq. the Recorder.

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled.

May it please your Royal Highness.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, with reverential awe and gratitude to the Supreme Giver of all Victory, humbly approach your Royal Highness, to express our joy and exultation on the important and splendid victory, obtained by the valour and intrepidity of the allied army under the command of the Marquess of Wellington, over the hostile army of France, led by Marshal Marmont, at the battle of Salamanca.

To appreciate the heroism of the noble Marquess and his brave army, would be to recount a series of as brilliant achievements as have adorned the pages of British history; and we indulge a hope, that these glorious exploits will animate the Spanish nation to persevere in the noble contest for the recovery of their liberties, and preservation of their country.

We humbly beg your Royal Highness will accept our warmest congratulations on these splendid events, obtained by the superior talents of His Majesty's magnanimous commander, and the bravery of the allied army.

Permit us to assure your Royal Highness, that His Majesty's faithful citizens of London hail with gratitude every event that may, by perseverance, and the adoption of wise and vigorous measures, seconded by the ardour, emulation, and gallantry of His Majesty's army and navy, afford to your Royal Highness the opportunity of giving suffering Europe the blessings of peace.

Signed by order of Court,

Henry Woodthorpe.

To which Address His Royal Highness was

pleased to return the following most gracious answer.

"I thank you for this loyal and dutiful Address.

"Your congratulations on the successes which, by the favour of Divine Providence, have attended the operations of the allied army in Spain and Portugal, under the conduct of its illustrious commander the Marquess of Wellington, and more especially on the signal and decisive victory recently obtained at Salamanca, cannot fail to afford me the greatest satisfaction.

"The exultation which has been displayed in consequence of these splendid events by all descriptions of His Majesty's subjects, your participation in which is expressed in a manner so worthy of the City of London, is highly honourable to the feelings and character of the nation, and fully manifests the importance attached by the people of this country to a cause, which equally involves the independence of the Peninsula, and the best interests of the United Kingdom.

"It is only from unabated vigour, and steady perseverance in the exertions which the present crisis demands, that we can derive a well-founded hope of being enabled to surmount the difficulties with which we have to contend, and to accomplish the ultimate object of our wishes and efforts—a secure and honourable peace."

They were all received very graciously, and had the honour of kissing the hand of the Prince Regent.

Whitehall, September 26, 1812.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to nominate and appoint Major-General the Honourable Charles William Stewart to be an Extra Knight of the most Honourable Military Order of the Bath.

Admiralty-Office, September 26, 1812.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Harper, of His Majesty's Sloop Saracen, to Admiral Sir Richard Bickerton, Bart. dated Spithead, 23d instant, and transmitted by the last-mentioned Officer to J. W. Croker, Esq.

WHILST proceeding, in pursuance of your orders of the 21st instant, last evening at sun-set, thick hazy weather, Beachy Head bearing N. by W. distant seven or eight miles, I observed in the S. S. E. two large luggers, in chase of, and very near, three deep-laden English vessels.

I instantly made all sail for their protection, and, after a short but anxious chase, succeeded in capturing *Le Courier*, French lugger privateer, of fourteen guns and fifty men, commanded by Mr. Juan, and belonging to Calais. The French Captain, and two of the crew, were desperately wounded before they surrendered.

The other lugger, named *L'Honore*, of equal force, having got at a great distance whilst securing the one I boarded, and dark night coming on, I am sorry it was not in my power to capture; but I completely drove her off the coast, and I have every reason to believe that the three vessels they were in chase of, escaped.