

“ third of His present Majesty, as permits the importation of goods and commodities from Turkey, Egypt, or the Levant Seas, in foreign ships;” it is enacted that the said Act of the forty-third of His present Majesty shall, from and after the first day of November one thousand eight hundred and twelve; be repealed, and such goods and commodities as were thereby allowed to be imported, shall not, after the first day of November aforesaid, be imported into any part of the United Kingdom in any other than British-built ships or vessels, owned, navigated, and registered according to law; provided nevertheless, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty by His Order in Council, to permit during the present hostilities, and until six months after the ratification of a definitive treaty of peace, any goods or commodities heretofore usually imported from Turkey or Egypt, or from any place within the dominions of the Grand Seignor, within the Levant Seas, to be imported in any ship or vessel whatever, navigated with foreign seamen.

And whereas it is found that certain neutral ships or vessels, which had proceeded under the provisions of the before mentioned Acts, for the purpose of importing goods and commodities as permitted by the said Acts, into the ports of the United Kingdom, will not be able to arrive in the said ports, previous to the first day of November next :

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the goods and commodities aforesaid, permitted to be imported by the aforesaid Acts, shall be permitted and are hereby permitted to be imported in neutral vessels, into any port or ports of the United Kingdom, until the first day of January next; subject to all duties of Customs and Excise, and to all rules and regulations and conditions, and to all penalties and forfeitures, as prescribed by the aforesaid Act passed in the fifty-second year of His present Majesty.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and the Judges of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty, are to take the necessary measures herein as to them shall respectively appertain. *Jas. Buller.*

#### WAR DEPARTMENT.

*Downing-Street, October 17, 1812.*

**A** DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been this morning received at Earl Bathurst's Office, addressed to his Lordship by General the Marquess of Wellington, dated Villa Toro, the 5th October 1812.

**O**NE of the mines which had been prepared under the exterior line of the castle of Burgos, was exploded at midnight of the 29th, and effected a breach in the wall, which some of the party, destined to attack it, were enabled to storm; but owing to the darkness of the night, the detachment

who were to support the advanced party, missed their way, and the advance were driven off the breach again before they could be effectually supported. The breach effected by the mine was not of a description to be stormed except at the moment of the explosion, and it was necessary to improve it by fire, before the attempt could be repeated. But all our endeavours to construct batteries in the best situation to fire upon the wall failed, in consequence of the great superiority of the enemy's fire. In the mean time another mine had been placed under the wall, which was ready yesterday, and a fire was opened yesterday morning from a battery constructed under cover of the hornwork.

The fire from this battery improved the breach first made; and the explosion of the mine, at five o'clock yesterday evening, effected a second breach. Both were immediately stormed by the 2d battalion of the 24th regiment, under the command of Captain Hedderwick, which I had ordered into the trenches for that purpose; and our troops were established within the exterior line of the works of the castle of Burgos. The conduct of the 24th regiment was highly praiseworthy; and Captain Hedderwick and Lieutenants Holmes and Fraser, who led the two storming parties, particularly distinguished themselves. I am happy to add, the operation was effected without suffering a very severe loss.

The enemy are still upon the Ebro, and have not made any attempt to interrupt our operations. It is reported they have extended to their left as far as Logrono.

My last reports from the frontiers of Valencia are of the 25th. It is stated that Joseph was at Almanza, with fifteen thousand men, to join Marshal Soult, who was on his march through Murcia from Granada. My last letter from Lieutenant-General Maitland is of the 21st ultimo. Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill is on the Tagus, between Aranjuez and Toledo.

By the last accounts I have of General Ballasteros he was at Grenada, but he has been ordered to Alcaraz.

I inclose a return of killed and wounded since the 27th ultimo.

*Return of Killed and Wounded of the Army under the Command of His Excellency General the Marquess of Wellington, K. B. in the Siege of the Castle of Burgos, from the 27th September to the 3d October 1812.*

Royal Artillery—3 rank and file killed; 3 rank and file wounded.