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Lord Chamberlain's Office, April 20, 1813.

**O**RDERS for the Court's change of mourning, on Sunday next the 25th instant, for Her late Royal Highness the Duchess of Brunswick, His Majesty's sister, viz.

The ladies to wear black silk; fringed or plain linen; white gloves, necklaces, and ear-rings; black or white shoes, fans, and tippets.

Undress—White or grey lustrings, tabbies, or damasks.

The gentlemen to wear black, full trimmed; fringed, or plain linen; black swords and buckles.

Undress—Grey frocks.

The Court to change the mourning further on Sunday the 2d of May next.

The ladies to wear black silk or velvet; coloured ribbons, fans, and tippets; or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver stuffs, with black ribbons.

The gentlemen to wear black coats; and black, or plain white, or white and gold, or white and silver stuff waistcoats, full trimmed; coloured swords and buckles.

And on Sunday the 9th of May next, the Court to go out of mourning.

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, April 19, 1813.

**A** DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been received at this Office, addressed to Earl Bathurst by Lieutenant-General Sir John Murray, Bart, dated Head-Quarters, Castalla, March 23, 1813.

**I** HAVE the honour to enclose extracts of two dispatches, addressed to his Excellency the Marquess of Wellington, by which your Lordship will be fully apprised of the present situation of this

army, and of the different trifling affairs which we have had with the enemy.

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Sir J. Murray to Lord Wellington, dated Alicante, March 10, 1813.*

I HAD the honour, in my letter of the 26th ultimo, to acquaint your Lordship, that I had taken the command of the division of the Mediterranean army serving on the eastern coast of Spain.

Since my letter of the 26th February, nothing of importance has occurred.

On the 3d instant, when reconnoitring the position of Alcoy, it became necessary to drive in the advanced posts. The enemy lost in the action, as I have been informed, one officer killed, and about twenty men killed and wounded.

The possession of Alcoy appeared to me of importance; and having had a very accurate view of the position, I thought it possible, in carrying the place, to cut off the corps stationed there. With this intention, on the 6th instant, I directed the march of a part of the army on Alcoy, and attacked that post on the morning of the 7th; but by the unfortunate delay of the column which was destined to cut off his retreat, the enemy effected his escape; had this column arrived a quarter of an hour before, not a man could have got off. The advanced guard of the column destined to attack the enemy in front drove him about six or seven miles, when I found the soldiers so much fatigued, that even had I wished, I could have pressed them no further. The country over which the enemy retired was extremely favourable for him, and certainly might have been much better defended.