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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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A DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been this day received at Lord Bathurst's Office, addressed to his Lordship by Field-Marshal the Marquess of Wellington, dated Lezaca, August 25, 1813.

NO movement of importance has been made by the enemy, or by the allies, since I transmitted my last report.

I have received reports from Lieutenant-General Lord William Bentinck to the 19th instant, copies and extracts of which I have the honour to enclose; from which it appears, that Marshal Suchet collected the troops under his command at Villa Franca on the 10th, consisting of from twenty-five to thirty thousand men, and Lord William Bentinck those he had within his reach in a position on the river Gaya, having suspended all the operations of the siege of Tarragona. His Lordship, however, was not satisfied with his position, which he could not occupy in sufficient strength, as he had not been joined by all the troops which he expected, and which was liable to be turned on both flanks. He therefore retired upon Cambrills without loss, in proportion as Marshal Suchet advanced, leaving Tarragona open, which place the French have blown up and evacuated; and Marshal Suchet has again retired towards Barcelona.

I beg to draw your Lordship's attention particularly to the enclosed report of Colonel Lord Frederick Bentinck, of the conduct of a detachment of the Brunswick hussars, in an affair with the enemy on the 15th.

I entirely approve of Lieutenant-General Lord William Bentinck's having retired, as he had not been able to collect his whole force, and did not consider himself sufficiently strong to fight a general action with the enemy.

Extract of a Report from Lord William Bentinck to the Marquess of Wellington, dated Cambrills, August 16, 1813.

ON the 3d the Duque del Parque's corps came up to Tarragona; as did the division of General Sarsfield on the 11th. General Elio could not spare the three regiments of the division of Migares, which I had requested him to send me.

On the 10th I heard, that Marshal Suchet had returned to Villa Franca from Barcelona, and had brought with him five thousand men. The reports of the succeeding days, left no doubt of its being his intention to move forward; and on the 14th, I learned from the Baron d'Eroles and Colonel Manzo, that besides collecting all he could from the garrisons, he had been joined by Decaen with six thousand men.

In consequence of this intelligence, I suspended all operations for the siege of Tarragona, except the making of fascines, and landed neither artillery nor stores.

There was no position on the Gaya, as I had in my former letter supposed. There are only two carriageable roads across it, but they are at a distance of ten miles from each other. The river having no water in it, and being only impassable from the steepness of its banks, is passable for infantry every where. A corps placed in the centre