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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, September 19, 1813.

MAJOR Wyndham arrived this evening with a dispatch from Field-Marshal the Marquess of Wellington, dated Lezaca, the 10th of September, of which the following is an extract :

A BATTERY was constructed in the horn-work, with great difficulty, against the works of the castle of San Sebastian, which opened on the morning of the 8th instant; and I have the pleasure to inform you, that the garrison surrendered before evening. I enclose Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham's report, and the terms of the capitulation agreed upon with the garrison, and returns of ordnance, ammunition, &c. in the place. The loss of the garrison during the siege, is stated to have amounted to two thirds of their numbers at its commencement.

I beg leave again to draw your Lordship's attention to the conduct of Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham, and of the General Officers and troops under his command, in the arduous operation of which I am now reporting the successful close. Under the ordonnance recently issued by the French Government, the difficulties of the operations of a siege, and the length of time it must take, are greatly increased, and they can be brought to a conclusion only by the storm of the breach of the body of the place. The merit of success therefore is proportionably increased, and it will be found, that the operations did not last longer than has usually been required for a place which possessed three lines of defence, including the convent of St. Bartholomew.

During the operations against the castle, the navy took charge of the attack from the island of Santa

Clara, by which the enemy was much annoyed in his position in the castle. Captain Sir George Collier, and the officers, seamen, and marines, have continued to afford every assistance in their power, and Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham particularly mentions Captain Bloya, of the Lyra, and Captain Smith; and Lieutenant-Colonel Dickson, commanding the artillery, has reported his obligations to Lieutenant O'Reilly, of His Majesty's ship *Surveillante*, who commanded the seamen employed in the batteries.

Since my last the enemy have collected their troops towards their left, but have again resumed their old positions since the fall of San Sebastian.

It appears by a report from the Duque del Parque, that when the third Spanish army were recently crossing the Ebro, at Amposta, after the allies had retired from before Tarragona, the enemy made a sortie from Tortosa, on the 19th ultimo, along the left bank of the Ebro, with about four thousand men, and attacked the 3d division of the army. The Duque del Parque detached troops from the right bank, under the command of Don Francisco Ferray; the Chief of the Staff of the Army, and the enemy were immediately repulsed with considerable loss. It appears that the troops conducted themselves remarkably well on this occasion, and the Duque del Parque highly applauds the conduct of the Chief of the Staff.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Graham, to the Marquess of Wellington, dated Ernani, September 9, 1813.

I HAVE the satisfaction to report to your Lordship, that the castle of San Sebastian has surrendered; and I have the honour to transmit the capitulation; which, under all the circumstances of