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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, November 9, 1813.

ORD ARTHUR HILL has this morning arrived with dispatches from Field-Marshal the Marquess of Wellington to Earl Bathurst, dated Vera, November 1, 1813, of which the following are extracts.

Vera, November 1, 1813.

NOTHING of importance has occurred in the line since I addressed your Lordship last.

The enemy's garrison of Pamplona, made proposals to Don Carlos D'España to surrender the place on 26th October, on condition, first, that they should be allowed to march to France with six pieces of cannon; secondly, that they should be allowed to march to France under an engagement, not to serve against the allies for a year and a day. Both these conditions were rejected by Don Carlos D'España, and they were told that he had orders not to give them a capitulation on any terms excepting that they should be prisoners of war; to which they declared they would never submit.

Vera, November 1, 1813.

SINCE I wrote to your Lordship this morning, I have received a letter, of which I enclose a copy from Mariscal Del Campo Don Carlos D'España, in which he announces the surrender by capitulation of the fortress of Pamplona, the garrison being prisoners of war; upon which event I beg leave to congratulate your Lordship.

I cannot sufficiently applaud the conduct of Don Carlos D'España, and that of the troops under his command during the period that he has commanded the blockade, that is since the beginning of August. In every sortie which the enemy have made, they have been repulsed with loss, and the General and the officers and troops have, on every occasion, conducted themselves well. Don Carlos D'España was severely wounded on the 10th of September, as reported in my dispatch of the 19th of that month, but having reported that he was able to continue to perform his duty, I considered it but justice to allow him to continue in a command of which he had to that moment performed the du-

ties in so satisfactory a manner; and I am happy that it has fallen to his lot to be the instrument of restoring to the Spanish Monarchy so important a fortress as Pampiona.

Not having yet received the detail of the terms of the capitulation, I must delay to forward them till the next occasion.

(Translation.)

Most Excellent Sir,

GLORY be to God and honour to the triumphs of your Excellency in this ever memorable campaign.

. I have the honour and the great satisfaction of congratulating your Excellency on the surrender of the important fortress of Pamplona, the capitulation of which having been signed by the superior officers

entrusted with my powers, and by those delegated by the General commanding the place, I have, by virtue of the authority which you conferred upon me, just ratified. The garrison remain prisoners of war, as your Excellency had determined from the beginning that they should, and will march out to-morrow at two in the afternoon, in order to be conducted to the port of Passages.

Our troops occupy one of the gates of the citadel, and those of France the place.

May God guard the precious life of your Excellency.

Dated from the Camp in front of Pamplona, 31st October 1813.

(Signed) CARLOS ESPANA.

His Excellency Field-Marshal the Duke of Ciudad Rodrigo.]

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