

congratulations upon an event which secures one of the principal objects for which we are contending, by the restoration of the legitimate Sovereign to the throne of Spain. And it cannot but be gratifying to the British nation to reflect, that this is not less due to its unexampled exertions, and to the valour and good conduct of its armies, than to the firmness, perseverance, and loyalty of the Spanish people.

I have the honour to be, &c.

H. WELLESLEY.

*The Viscount Castlereagh, &c. &c. &c.*

WAR DEPARTMENT.

*Downing-Street, April 16, 1814.*

**D**ISPATCHES, of the following are extracts, have been received at Earl Bathurst's Office, addressed to his Lordship, by Field-Marshal the Marquess of Wellington.

*Samatan, March 25, 1814.*

THE enemy continued his retreat after the affair near Tarbes, on the 20th, during the night and following days, and arrived yesterday at Toulouse. Their troops have marched with such celerity, that, excepting the advanced guard of the cavalry attached to Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill's corps, under Major-General Fane, who attacked the enemy's rear-guard at St. Gaudens, our troops have never been able to come up with them. I inclose Major-General Fane's report to Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill of this affair, which is highly creditable to the 13th light dragoons.

SIR,

*Borde, 9 P. M. March 22.*

HAVING advanced as ordered, I came up with the enemy's rear-guard, about one league from St. Gaudens. It was supported by four or five squadrons of dragoons, formed upon the height in front of the town.

With two squadrons of the 13th light dragoons, supported by part of the 3d dragoon guards, I drove

in their advance, and their support having remained too long in front of St. Gaudens, the 13th dragoons were enabled to come up with it. They charged the enemy's squadrons with the greatest gallantry, and drove them through the town. The enemy having again formed beyond the town, they were again attacked, and pursued more than two miles.

A number of the enemy have been killed, and one hundred and two men, and about the same number of horses, taken. Thirty of the men are badly wounded.

Captain M'Alister, who led the advance, much distinguished himself, and nothing could exceed the bravery and good conduct of the whole of the regiment.

I had reason to be much satisfied with the conduct of Brigade Major Dunbar, who was amongst the foremost in the attack.

My loss has been very trifling; I hope not more than four or five wounded.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) H. FANE, Major-General.

*Lieutenant-General Sir R. Hill,*

*&c. &c. &c.*

*Extract from Lord Wellington.*

*Seysse, April 1, 1814.*

THE enemy retired into Toulouse upon the approach of our troops on the 28th instant. They had fortified the suburb on the left of the Garonne, as a tête-de-pont, which they occupied in considerable force: and the remainder of the army is in the town, or immediately behind it.

The great fall of rain in the course of the last and the beginning of this week, and the melting of the snow in the mountains, have increased the river to such a degree, and renders the current so rapid, as to frustrate all our endeavours to lay our bridge below the town.

According to my last accounts from Bourdeaux of the 26th, His Majesty's ships had not yet entered the river.

Nothing of importance occurred lately in Catalonia.