

and Rear. At Two, P. M. they retired by Teixon to Belmonte. Seven of the Enemy were found killed; some others, with the Wounded, were carried off. We had only Four Men wounded. General Claparede commands in Guarda; a Brigadier in Belmonte; the former has Three Thousand Men and Five Pieces of Artillery, with but few Cavalry.

*Extract of a Letter from Sir William Erskine to Colonel Murray, dated Marmeleira, February 21, 1811.*

THE Enemy having, for this some Time past, been in the Custom of making a strong Patrole almost every Night up to Arruda, I sent Cornet Strenuwitz, of the Hussars, with Thirty Men of the 16th Light Dragoons and Hussars, to place himself in Ambuscade, in the Vicinity of Ferragoas, on the Morning of the 19th, in order to cut off this Patrole if it should appear, and likewise to watch the Movements of the Enemy, who are reported to be on the Eve of making some considerable Movements.

The Picquet of Malhaquijo was reinforced and kept in Readiness to support the Party. The Enemy's Patrole not appearing, as was expected, during the Night of the 19th or of the 20th, on the Evening of that Day Cornet Strenuwitz (not having Forage to enable him to remain longer) sent a small Party up to the Enemy's Picquet at Alcanhede to invite them out, which had the desired Effect, the Enemy following this Patrole with an Officer and Twenty Infantry, and an Officer and the same Number of Dragoons, who were led by the Patrole within Reach of the Ambuscade, when Cornet Strenuwitz fell upon them; the Officer, with the whole of the Infantry, were taken or cut down, Three Dragoons were likewise taken, and several cut down. The Remainder escaped by dispersing, and being near to their Post. The Officer of the Infantry who is taken is wounded; Seventeen Prisoners in all have been brought in; we had One Horse wounded.

Cornet Strenuwitz conducted himself on this Occasion with much Ability, and I have to request you will be so good as to mention him to the Commander in Chief.

*Marmeleira, Feb. 21, 1811.*

DEAR COLONEL,

THE Officer who is taken is General Clausel's Aid de Camp. He has been with different Parties in Ambuscade for this Week past, to catch some of our Patroles from Rio Major, but seeing the small Patrole on the Ferragoas Road, he thought to cut it off, and in consequence fell into our Ambuscade. He is so badly wounded that he cannot proceed from this Place To-day; one of the Dragoons taken is dead of his Wounds; most of the Prisoners are wounded but slightly.

Ever yours, &c.

(Signed) W. ERSKINE.

*Lieutenant Colonel Murray, Quartr. Master General.*

*Cartaxo, March 2d, 1811.*

NO Event of Importance has occurred since I addressed you on the 23d of February. The Enemy have continued their Operations against Badajoz,

but without much Effect; and the Fire of the Place is well kept up, and the Garrison in good Spirits.

General Mendizabel is endeavouring to collect and re-organize his Corps at Villa Viciola, in Portugal.

The Enemy moved a large Force, with Cannon, upon Lieutenant-Colonel Grant, at Covilhaõ, on the 18th February, and he was obliged to withdraw the Ordenanza from thence, and to retire to Alpedrinha, where he was according to the last Accounts.

The Enemy have made no Movement of any Importance in the Front of this Army.

THE following Addresses have been presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, which Addresses His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of the City of Dublin.

*May it please Your Royal Highness,*

AT a Time when the Calamity which we deplore, in common with all His Majesty's loyal and affectionate Subjects, has deprived us of his paternal Guidance and Protection, we, with unfeigned Attachment and Respect, approach Your Royal Highness, to express our sincere Satisfaction that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, during the Continuance of His Majesty's Indisposition, has been committed to Your Care by the unanimous Voice of all his People.

We are fully confident that under the Regency which Your Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to accept for our Benefit, the same Ready Adherence to the Laws and Constitution of these Realms, which has marked His Majesty's long and auspicious Reign, will continue to be observed, and that the Attachment of a faithful People to his Person, Crown and Family will be promoted, at the same Time that the Sentiments of Loyalty and Affection, which we have always cherished towards the Son of the Representative of our Sovereign, and the Inheritor of his Virtues, will be strengthened and confirmed.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of said City is hereto affixed this Sixteenth Day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven.

*Nathaniel Hone, Lord-Mayor.*

*Matthew West and Brent Neville, Sheriffs.*

[Transmitted, by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.]

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble and unanimous Address of the Inhabitants of Brixthelmston.

*May it please Your Royal Highness,*

WITH every Sentiment of Loyalty to His Majesty, and of sincere Attachment to Your Royal Highness, we, the Inhabitants of Brixthelmston, intreat Permission to approach Your Royal Presence.