

I hope, Sir, you will excuse any inaccuracy that may have escaped my pen in this very hasty sketch, and beg leave to add, that we embarked in the afternoon of the 3d instant, without molestation, being covered by the fire of His Majesty's ships the *Imperieuse* and *Thames*.

I have, &c,

EDW. DARLEY, Major 62d, commanding a Detachment of 62d Regiment.
To Major-General Heron, &c. &c. &c.

Melazzo.

Return of Killed and Wounded of a Detachment of His Majesty's 1st Battalion 62d Regiment, under the Command of Major Darley, in Action with the Enemy at Cape Patinuro, on the 1st November 1811.

Thames, 7th November 1811.

Killed—2 rank and file.

Wounded—1 captain, 1 subaltern, 1 serjeant, 1 drummer, 5 rank and file.

Total of killed and wounded—1 captain, 1 subaltern, 1 serjeant, 1 drummer, 7 rank and file.

Officers wounded.

Captain Oldham, severely.

Lieutenant Ray, severely, since dead.

N.B. Serjeant Jeffery, since dead of his wounds.

(Signed) E. DARLEY, Major 62d Reg.

Dawning-Street, January 25, 1811.

DISPATCHES, of which the following are copies, have been received by the Earl of Liverpool from Major-General Cooke.

My Lord, *Cadiz, December 29, 1811.*

I BEG leave to refer your Lordship to the copy of my last dispatch to General Lord Viscount Wellington, with the papers enclosed in it, relative to the situation of affairs at Tarifa.

I have not received any thing from thence since the 24th, at which date the French had not brought up their artillery; and there has been so much rain during the last two days, that they may have met with great difficulties.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEO. COOKE, Major-General.
The Earl of Liverpool, &c. &c. &c.

Extract of a Letter from Major-General Cooke to Viscount Wellington, dated Cadiz, December 27, 1811.

I HAVE the honour to transmit copies of dispatches from Colonel Skerrett to the date of the 24th.

The enemy's troops, in addition to those employed immediately against Tarifa, extended across the plain to Veger, where Marshal Victor had his quarters with a strong corps. I do not learn any thing of General Ballesteros since my last.

SIR,

Tarifa, December 24, 1811.

I HAVE the honour to report that, on the 20th instant, the enemy invested this town with from four to five thousand infantry, and from two to three hundred cavalry. As it was not adviseable to fight so superior a force, I resisted him for an hour with the cavalry and infantry, Spanish and British piquets of the garrison, reinforced by a company of the 95th, and two six-pounder field guns of Captain Hughes's brigade. The loss of the enemy was considerable. On the 21st, Captain Wren, of the 11th, destroyed, with his company, a small piquet of the enemy. The 22d, I made a sortie at the request of General Copons, and in conjunction with his troops, with the intention to ascertain the numbers of the enemy, by inducing him to shew his columns. His light troops suffered considerably from our shells. The enemy is now making his approaches at a long musket shot from the town: but the ground so completely commands us, and is so favourable to him, that our small guns have little or no effect upon him.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. B. SKERRETT, Colonel.
To Major-General Cooke, &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

Cadiz, Dec. 31, 1811.

I HAVE received a dispatch from Colonel Skerrett, dated yesterday, of which I enclose a copy. It appears that the enemy had brought up four sixteen-pounders and some howitzers, and had opened their fire against the wall on the 29th. The shipping had been driven away by the gales of wind.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GEO. COOKE, Major-General.
The Earl of Liverpool, &c. &c. &c.

SIR,

Tarifa, Dec. 30, 1811.

IN my last I had the honour to state, that the enemy had invested this town on the 20th instant; since which period he has rapidly carried on a regular parallel and approach against the wall of the town, which I consider as doing much honour to the garrison.

I have several times found it necessary to drive back the enemy's advance, and to interrupt his