

works, in which we have met with a slight loss, and the enemy, from being exposed to the fire of the few small guns we possess on the towers, has suffered considerably. It was only on these occasions that we materially annoyed the enemy; for the wall of the town is so completely commanded, that, in a few hours' work, he has every where much better cover than ourselves.

The enemy yesterday opened his fire at half past ten, and continued to batter in breach at a distance of about three hundred yards, with four French sixteen-pounders on the east wall, near the Retiro gate, and four howitzers and other smaller pieces playing on the island and causeway. He continued a constant fire until night, the first and each shot passing through the wall, and through some of the houses in the rear of it. Before night, a practicable breach was effected. He this day continued to widen the breach, and, I imagine, will not attempt the assault until it is extended to the tower on each flank (a space of about forty yards.) I have traversed the streets, and taken the only measure by which there is a chance of preserving the place—that of defending the houses. The enemy's force employed in the siege is stated at ten thousand; probably this is in some degree exaggerated. A constant fire of musketry is interchanged. I have particularly to regret the loss of the service of Lieutenant Guanter, Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-General, a very intelligent and brave officer, who is severely wounded.

Enclosed is a return of killed and wounded since my last.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. B. SKERRETT, Colonel.

*Return of killed, wounded, and missing of the Troops under the Command of Colonel Skerrett, in the Action on the 22d December 1811.*

2d Batt. 47th Foot—1 officer slightly wounded; 2 rank and file wounded.

2d Batt. 87th Foot—2 rank and file wounded.

N. B. The officer of the 47th regiment returned wounded is Captain O'Donaghue, Acting Aid-de-Camp.

Total loss—1 captain, 4 rank and file, wounded.

(Signed) T. BUNBURY, Brigade Major.

(True copy.)

EDWARD CAPEL, Acting Adj. Gen.

*Return of killed, wounded, and missing of the Troops under the Command of Colonel Skerrett.*

*Tarifa, 28th December 1811.*

2d Hussars, King's German Legion—2 rank and file, 2 horses, wounded.

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Detachment Royal Artillery Drivers—6 horses killed; 2 rank and file, 6 horses, wounded.

2d Batt. 47th Foot—2 rank and file wounded.

2d Batt. 87th Foot—4 rank and file wounded; 1 rank and file missing.

2d Batt. 95th Foot—1 rank and file killed; 11 rank and file wounded.

N. B. Brigade Major's horse wounded.

Total loss—1 rank and file, 6 horses, killed; 24 rank and file, 5 horses, wounded; 1 rank and file missing.

*Return of killed, wounded, and missing of the Troops under the Command of Colonel Skerrett.*

*Tarifa, 29th December 1811.*

Royal Engineers—1 rank and file wounded.

2d Batt. 87th Foot—2 rank and file wounded.

*Officer wounded.*

Lieutenant Guanter, Deputy Assistant-Quarter-Master-General, dangerously.

Total loss—1 lieutenant, 3 rank and file, wounded.

*Return of killed, wounded, and missing of the Troops under the Command of Colonel Skerrett.*

*Tarifa, 30th December 1811.*

2d Batt. 47th Foot—Lieutenant De Burgh, slightly wounded; 1 rank and file wounded.

2d Batt. 87th Foot—3 rank and file wounded.

Total loss—1 lieutenant, 4 rank and file, wounded.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

*Downing-Street, January 25, 1812.*

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an Extract, has been received from Colonel Green, employed upon a particular Service in Catalonia.

*Extract of a Letter from Colonel Green, dated Berga, 27th November 1811.*

I HAVE the honour to report to you the progressive state of improvement of affairs in this province, which is very great, considering the very few means there are to assist it in addition to the very excellent inclinations of the public.

The enemy has not augmented his force in this principality, having only replaced the casualties; and there is little difference in the operations, excepting that there is a small flying corps of fifteen hundred men, which is increased to three or four thousand men, or decreased, according to circumstances, from the garrison of Barcelona. This circumstance occasions the towns of Mataro and Villarcuva, and others on the coast, to become

