

turned to, and give their attendance in the said Parliament; which writs are to be returnable on Tuesday the twenty-fourth day of November next.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty.

A PROCLAMATION,

In order to the electing and summoning the Sixteen Peers of Scotland.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS We have, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, thought fit to declare Our pleasure for summoning and holding a Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on Tuesday the twenty-fourth day of November next ensuing the date hereof: In order therefore to the electing and summoning the sixteen Peers of Scotland, who are to sit in the House of Peers in the said Parliament; We do, acting as aforesaid, by the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, issue forth this Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holyrood-House, in Edinburgh, on Friday the thirteenth day of November next ensuing, between the hours of twelve and two in the afternoon, to nominate and choose the sixteen Peers to sit and vote in the House of Peers, in the said ensuing Parliament, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the proxies of such as shall be absent (such proxies being Peers, and producing a mandate in writing, duly signed before witnesses, and both the constituent and proxy being qualified according to law). And the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name, are hereby respectively required to attend such meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such election made and duly examined, to certify the names of the sixteen Peers so elected, and sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into the High Court of Chancery of Great Britain: And We do, by this Proclamation, strictly command and require the Provost of Edinburgh, and all other the Magistrates of the said City, to take especial care to preserve the peace thereof during the time of the said election, and to prevent all manner of riots, tumults, disorders, and violence whatsoever. And We strictly charge and command, that this Proclamation be duly published at the Market-Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns of Scotland, twenty-five days at least

before the time hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such election.

Witness George Prince of Wales, Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, at Westminster, the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twelve, in the fifty-second year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, October 11, 1812.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been this day received at Earl Bathurst's office, addressed to his Lordship by the Marquess of Wellington, dated Villa Toro, 27th September.

THE operations against the castle of Burgos have been continued since I addressed you on the 21st instant; and on the night of the 22d I directed that an attempt might be made to take by storm the exterior line of the enemy's works, one of the batteries destined to support our position within them having been in such a state of preparation as to give hopes that it would be ready to open on the morning of the 23d. The attack was to have been made by detachments of Portuguese troops, belonging to the 6th division, which occupied the town of Burgos, and invested the castle on the south west side, on the enemy's left, while a detachment of the 1st division, under Major Lawrie of the 79th regiment, should scale the wall in front. Unfortunately the Portuguese troops were so strongly opposed, that they could not make any progress on the enemy's flank, and the escalade could not take place. I am sorry to say our loss was severe; Major Lawrie was killed, and Captain Fraser, who commanded a detachment from the brigade of guards, was wounded. Both these officers, and indeed all those employed on this occasion, exerted themselves to the utmost; but the attack on the enemy's flank having failed, the success of the escalade was impracticable.

Our batteries are completed, and ready to open the enemy's interior lines, as soon as we shall have established our troops within the exterior line.

The enemy's army are about Pancorbo, and at Miranda, on the Ebro, with their advanced posts at Briviesca. They have made no movement to interrupt our operations.

Marshal Soult left Grenada on the 15th, and marched towards the kingdom of Valencia, it is said