

Joseph Floreus, Enseigne de Vaisseau, I must beg leave to call your attention to the great skill and gallantry with which this service was executed by the First Lieutenant, William Hamley, the officers and men under his orders, who, with only a division of this ship's boats, at two o'clock in the afternoon of the 6th instant, attacked and carried the above vessel, far superior to them in force, prepared in every respect, and supported by musketry from the shore, where she was made fast: our boats not having an expectation of meeting an armed vessel, till (upon opening the creek where she lay) they were fired upon, and desired by the troops on shore to surrender: I have to lament the loss of a very fine young man, Mr. Edward Percival, Master's Mate, killed, and two seamen wounded. Three merchant vessels were also taken.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) GEO. CADOGAN.

C. Rowley, Esq. Captain of His Majesty's
Ship Eagle.

Admiralty-Office, June 15, 1813.

Extract of a Letter from the Honourable Captain Blackwood, of His Majesty's Ship Warspite, addressed to Rear-Admiral Durham, and transmitted by Admiral Lord Keith to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Warspite, Isle of Hedir, May 29, 1813.

IN the execution of your orders of the 26th, I yesterday fell in with and captured the American letter of marque schooner Flash, of one hundred and sixty-nine tons, six guns, and twenty men, from Nantz, whence she had only sailed a few hours.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, June 15, 1813.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been received this morning by the Earl Bathurst, addressed to his Lordship by the Marquess of Wellington, and dated Carvajales, May 31, 1813.

THE troops arrived at Salamanca on the 25th instant, and we found the enemy still in the town with one division of infantry and three squadrons of cavalry, and some cannon, of the Army of the South, under the command of General Villatte.

The enemy evacuated the town on our approach, but they waited longer than they ought upon the high ground in the neighbourhood, and afforded an opportunity for the cavalry, under General Fane and General Victor Alten, (the former of which crossed the Tormes at the Ford of Santa Martha, and the latter at the bridge) to do them a good deal of injury in their retreat. Many were killed or wounded, and we took about two hundred prisoners,

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seven tumbrils of ammunition, some baggage, provisions, &c. The enemy retired by the road of Babila Fuento, and near Huerta were joined by a body of infantry and cavalry on their march from Alba. I then ordered our troops to discontinue their pursuit, our infantry not being up.

Major-General Long and Brigadier-General Morillo, in command of the Spanish division, attacked Alba, from which place the enemy retired.

In the course of the 27th and 28th, I established the troops which had marched from the Agueda and Upper Estremadura, between the Tormes and Douro, under the command of Lieutenant-General Sir Rowland Hill; and I set off myself on the 29th to join the troops here, and arrived that day at Miranda de Douro, and here on the 31st. I found the troops on the Escla under the orders of Sir Thomas Graham, as I had intended, with their left at Tabara, and in communication with the Gallician Army, and their right at this place, and all the arrangements made for passing the Escla. The greatest part passed that river this morning, the cavalry by fords, and the infantry by a bridge, which it was necessary to throw over the river, as it was so deep that some men, even of the cavalry, were lost in the passage. The English hussars, who crossed first, took an officer and thirty men prisoners near Valdeperdices.

The enemy have evacuated Zamora, and our patrols have been in that town; the troops which were there have fallen back upon Toro, where I understand they have one division of infantry and a brigade of cavalry.

It appears that the enemy have joined at La Nava del Rey, the troops which retired from Salamanca, Avila, &c. with those which were at Arevalo and Medina del Campo; and I imagine that as this part of the army advances, they will retire across the Douro:

The enemy's troops were still at Madrid and on the Tagus on the 22d, but I conclude that they will have evacuated that part of the country on hearing of our movements.

Foreign-Office, June 12, 1813.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to approve of Mr. Joaquim Andrade, as Consul-General for the Prince Regent of Portugal at London, in the room of Mr. J. C. Lucena, deceased.