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*From the Earl of Galway's Camp before Alcantara,
April 14. N. S.*

THE Army commanded by his Excellency the Duke of Berwick being come to Membrillo, halted there the 6th Instant, while the Quartermaster-General of the English Forces, was sent to view a Ford of the Salor, the Duke of Berwick having caused an Arch of the Bridge on that River to be broke down. The 7th the Army marched to the Salor; the first Line and all the Artillery passed the River that night. We received Advice, That the Duke of Berwick was encamped 3 Leagues off, near Asbrocos, with 4000 Horse, and that he had sent 7 Regiments of Foot that were come out of Castile to Alcantara, which, with the 3 Regiments in that Garrison before, made above 4000 Men. The 8th the Marquis das Minas marched with a Detachment of 4000 Horse and 13 Battalions of Foot, with 6 Field-Pieces, to attack the Enemy, the rest of the Army being left behind with the heavy Artillery and the Provisions. As soon as we appeared in the Plain of Asbrocos, the Duke of Berwick retreated through a thick Wood towards Arroyo del Puerco. About 3 in the afternoon our Horse marched into the Wood, supported by the Foot, under the Command of Major-General Lloyd, and fell upon the Enemy's Rear-Guard, which was pursued about a League and half. Don Diego Monroy, Major-General, who commanded the Enemy's Rear, was taken Prisoner; as were also the Conde de Canilleros, and some other Officers of less Note, with about 50 Troopers; the Duke of Berwick himself narrowly escaped; many of their Men were killed, and we took about 250 of their Horses. On our side we had some few Officers wounded, and the Conde de St. Vincente, Major-General, was killed. We marched back that night to Asbrocos, and found in the Castle a good quantity of Meal, and some Corn; and we left there a Garrison of 300 Men. The 9th we marched and invested Alcantara. The 10th, early in the morning, the Convent of St. Francis, in which the Enemy had posted some Foot to annoy us in our Approaches, was vigorously attacked and taken by my Lord Portmore's and Colonel Blood's Regiments, being supported by Colonel Wade's, Lieutenant-General Friesheim's, and a Portuguese Regiment. Of the Lord Portmore's Regiment, an Ensign was wounded, and a few private Men killed and wounded: Of Colonel Blood's, 3 Captains were wounded: Of Colonel Wade's, the Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, and an Ensign, were wounded, a Captain killed, and several private Men were killed and wounded. Two Portuguese Regiments relieved the English, and took the Guard of the Convent. The 11th the Enemy made a Salley to recover the Convent; but our Troops marched thither with such Diligence, that the Enemy thought fit to retire into the Town without effecting their Design. The 12th, by break of day, a Battery of 10 great Guns began to play, as also a Battery of 5 Mortars. The 13th another Battery of 5 great Guns and 5 Field-Pieces, served by the English Gunners, under the Command of Colonel Borgard, play'd with very great Success into the Enemy's Defences, ruining their Works, and dismounting their Cannon, in a very little time. That day, between 9

and 10 in the morning, the Enemy beat a Parley, and a Portuguese Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart were sent into the Town, in Exchange for 2 Spanish Colonels; but the Garrison not accepting the Terms that were offered them, and insisting on an honourable Capitulation, which was refused them, the Hostages were returned, and the Hostilities were renewed. This day the Town surrendered, the Garrison remaining Prisoners of War, only the Captains, and other Officers above that Degree, are to have their Liberty at the end of 6 Months.

Lisbon, April 19. N. S. The Conde de Prado, eldest Son of the Marquis das Minas, arrived here the 17th Instant from the Earl of Galway's Camp before Alcantara, with the welcome News of the Surrender of that Place, the Garrison remaining Prisoners of War, which consisted of 10 Spanish Regiments, (one of them being the Duke of Anjou's Guards) all compleat, and newly Cloathed and Armed. There were found in the Place 18 Pieces of Brass Cannon, and a great quantity of Provisions and Ammunition. The Enemy having been reinforced by some Troops from Cadiz, and other Parts of Andalusia, have endeavoured to make a Diversion, by attempting to bombard Elvas; but were obliged to retire without doing us any Damage; and by our last Advices, the Duke of Berwick was assembling his Troops at Arroyo de Puerco; but all he can draw together will not enable him to give any Interruption to the Earl of Galway in the Prosecution of his further Designs against the Common Enemy. The Men of War and Transport-ships, with the Forces on board from Ireland, arrived here the 17th Instant, having been 12 days in their Passage; and this day they put to Sea again, in order to join Sir John Leake.

Rome, April 10. N. S. The Grand Prior, Brother to the Duke of Vendosme, arrived here the 5th Instant, having, as is said, resigned his Command in the French Army in Italy. The Cardinal Janion is on his Departure for France, to take Possession of his Office of Great Almoner of that Kingdom. The Ministry here have frequent Meetings, to consult upon the Means of adjusting the Differences in which this Court is embroiled with those of Vienna and Savoy, and with the Government of Naples, which create a great deal of Uneasiness to the Pope. There are Letters from Naples which say, there had been a Mutiny there of the People, who are exasperated by the oppressive Government of a Ministry that is wholly under the Direction of the French Court.

Salò, April 12. A Battalion of 700 Men, belonging to the Regiment of Guttenstein, passed by this Place the 5th Instant, marching to Montechiari, to join the other part of that Regiment, which is posted there. The Prussian Troops designed to serve this Campaign under Prince Eugene continue their March to Italy by the Country of Tirol: A Battalion of them is lately come to Gargnano, and three more will arrive in a day or two at Torbole. These four Prussian Battalions have Quarters assigned them at Bedizole, where there are already two Palatine Regiments. The rest of the Reinforcements from Germany are shortly expected. In the mean time Recruits arrive daily from thence; and the French having fitted out some Boats, to prevent the bringing of any Supplies for our Army by the way of the Lake de Garda, General Zumjungen, who commands the Imperial Troops posted thereabouts, has fitted out four Barks, having Granadiers on board them, which are to cruize up and down the Lake, to secure our Navigation upon it, which we find to be of very great Use and Conveniency to us.