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No. 1.

EXTRACT of a Dispatch from Mr. Secretary Canning to the Right Honourable John Charles Villiers, dated November 22d, 1808.

AS it is extremely important that the Levies of Portuguese Force, if in other Respects capable of being carried forward with Advantage, should not stand still for want of immediate pecuniary Assistance, I am to direct you, in the Event of your own Opinion and that of Sir John Craddock's concurring as to the Utility of such a Measure, to urge the Portuguese Government to proceed as rapidly as possible to the Augmentation of the Army, and to engage on His Majesty's Part for the Pay and Clothing of a Force of 10,000 Men; stating at the same Time, that so soon as that Amount of Force shall be reported here to be actually on Foot, His Majesty will be prepared to extend His Engagements further.

No. 2.

EXTRACT of a Dispatch from Mr. Secretary Canning to the Right Honourable John Charles Villiers, dated 28th February 1809.

AS nothing has yet been heard from you of the Progress of any Levies in Portugal, nor any Bills drawn by you on that Account received here, it would be premature at present to specify the particular Limit to which it is proposed to extend your Authority to furnish pecuniary Supplies.

But should the first 10,000 Men have been raised, either at this Time or when you transmit the Information, you are not to consider yourself as restrained from proceeding, until you shall receive an Answer from me to your Communication, but may engage at once, in the Confidence of such Engagement being approved by His Majesty, for defraying the Expence of an Addition of another 10,000. It would, however, be very desirable, that your Estimate of the Expence should be transmitted, with as little Delay as possible, in order that Parliamentary Provision may be made for so much of it as can be precisely ascertained.

(Signed) G. CANNING.

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No. 3.

EXTRACT of a Dispatch from the Right Honourable John Charles Villiers to the Earl Bathurst, dated December 16th, 1809.

ENCLOSED is the List of the Regiments separately paid and maintained by Great Britain. They are taken from the Charge of this Country. Their Accounts are kept separate under British Inspection, and in no respect does the Aid of Great Britain go to any other Regiment, to any other Part of the Army, the Militia, or the Defences of the Country.

I insisted upon this Arrangement when I first came.

Enclosed is likewise the Estimate of the Expence of these Regiments, independent of Arms and Clothing, or of the General and Staff Officers which may be supposed belonging to such an Army.

It was necessary, for the Sake of keeping these Accounts separate, rather to take a Number of distinct Regiments, which would perhaps commonly be under the Number of Men allowed to be paid for, though by Possibility, if compleat, they might a little exceed it; and I must do Justice to the Portuguese Government, and to the Paymaster General (if I may so term his Office) in saying that they adopted and liked this Plan, though at some Loss to this Country, as being the only simple and practicable Way of carrying into Effect the Principle which was laid down.

Accordingly not a Shilling has been ever advanced for any Man which was not in Existence as a Soldier.

(First Inclosure referred to in No. 3.)

ABSTRACTS from the Monthly Returns of the Twelve Regiments of Portuguese Infantry and Three Battalions of Chasseurs paid by Great Britain, shewing their effective Strength on the 30th Day of September 1809.

Regiment No. 1.	Lippe	-	1,414 Men.
2.	Lagos	-	1,261
3.	Olivença, 1st	-	627
4.	Freire	-	1,332
7.	Setuval	-	1,297
10.	Lisboa	-	1,375
11.	Penamacor	-	1,400
13.	Peniche	-	1,230
14.	Tavera	-	1,208
15.	Olivença, 2d	-	583
16.	Vieyra Jelles	-	1,378
19.	Cascaes	-	1,209

Effective Strength of the 12 Regiments 14,314 Men.

Three

	Brought forward	14,314	
Three Battalions of Chasseurs.			
Battalion, No. 1.		623	
3.		569	
4.		544	
		<u>1,736</u>	Men.
	Total	<u>16,050</u>	Men.

Note.—By the Alvarus of the 14th October 1808, a Regiment of Infantry should consist of 1,550 Men, at which Strength the 12 Regiments when complete are - 18,600 Men
 And the Three Battalions Chasseurs at 628 each - - 1,884
 Total - - 20,484 Men

The effective Portuguese Troops paid by Great Britain, on 30th September last, being as above - - - 16,050 Men
 It falls short of 20,000 Men by - - - 3,950
20,000

Lisbon, 16th December
 1809.

(Signed) JOHN BELL,
 Deputy Superintendant
 of British Aids.

(Second Inclosure referred to in No. 3.)

Memorandum.

Lisbon, Dec. 16th, 1809.

MR. Bell informs me, that by a Reference to Joaquim de Costa E. Silva's Estimate for 20,000 Men in August 1809, the Expence is stated at £.640,300 per Annum, or the Monthly Expences within a Fraction £.53,358.

(Signed) J. C. VILLIERS.

No. 4.

EXTRACT of a Dispatch from the Marquis Wellesley to the Right Hon. John Charles Villiers, dated January 5th, 1810.

IT is His Majesty's Intention to furnish in Aid of Portugal the Annual Sum of £.980,000; namely,

£.600,000 for 20,000 Troops already in the British Pay.

250,000 for 10,000 Additional Troops.

130,000 for encreased Pay of Portuguese Officers.

£.980,000.

This great and generous Effort cannot fail to confirm, in the Portuguese Government and Nation, the just Sentiments of Attachment to the British Alliance, nor to inspire additional Zeal and Confidence in the Maintenance of the Security and Independence of the Kingdom of Portugal. The Sum granted by His Majesty for encreasing the Pay of the Officers of the Portuguese Army must be considered as the strongest Testimony of a liberal Regard for the Interests and Honour of His Majesty's ancient Ally.

The Policy of this Measure has been repeatedly urged in your Dispatches, and I trust that His Majesty's Government will derive from its Adoption those Advantages which you have anticipated, and which it may justly be expected to produce. In return for these liberal Supplies, His Majesty is entitled to claim from the Portuguese Government every Assistance which can be afforded to the British Commanders and Troops; a faithful and judicious Application of the Funds granted for the Support of so large a Portion of the Portuguese Army; and every Effort for the due Maintenance of that Part of the Portuguese Force which must be supplied from the exclusive Resources of Portugal.

In Addition to these Arrangements, His Majesty will expect to receive regular Monthly Accounts of the Expenditure of the Sums applicable to the Military Charges of Portugal, under the Orders issued to Lord Wellington, as well as accurate Returns of the State and Condition of the several Corps receiving British Pay; and you will be pleased to direct your particular Attention to these Objects.

It is also desirable that His Majesty should be acquainted with the State and Condition of that Part of the Portuguese Forces, which is to be maintained from the Revenues of Portugal. You will therefore transmit to me such Information as you may be enabled to obtain on this Point, as well as upon the general Situation of the Finances and Resources of Portugal, and particularly of the Funds applicable to the Expences of the Army.



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