

partial engagement was supposed to have taken place
between Romanas' army & the French a number of the
latter were brought in carts to Seville desperately wounded,
The direction of Badajoz, & as there had been no success
victory it was hoped, that success had attended the Spaniards
at least that the loss was equal. Romanas was supposed
to have 40,000 under his command one half of which was
armed, the rest furnished with pikes and every offensive
instrument they could pick up. There have been joined to
division of 15,000 English & Portuguese, & with this rein-
forcement may be able to withstand 2 divisions or 30,000 men
attached against them.

Sunday 2 March. This day Mr Henry Wellesley & suite landed
they were received with no acclamation or testimonies
of joy the only compliment paid, was the Spanish & British
troops quartered in the Town & in the different streets
through which is a most unembarrassing sort of man-
ner most graciously drove to Mr Duff's no great hopes
an entertained of his being to influence the measure of
the Revenue or as likely to propose any measure for the sal-
vation of the country, the disappointment occasioned by the
failure of his brother will rather check & impede his plans
if such he has, & I rather believe he is heartily sorrowful
having accepted the situation which is as likely to redound
to his credit than his brother's. The different states
of affairs, the unexpected loss of Andalusia, & the rapid
advance of the enemy must embarrass & obstruct the measure
previously planned, in short there is not one favorable point
that he can hope to gain, no field for him to display
his abilities on, & ought for him to expect but a speedy
return to England.

There have been great changes in the command within
these few days. Admiral Blake has resigned & is succeeded
by Admiral Vella Vicenza, Col Gen. in the Havannah, &
General Venegas is succeeded by the Duke Albuquerque.