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Dispatches have been received from Lt. General Lord Viscount Wellington, dated Elvas the 22<sup>d</sup> May, enclosing two Reports of the operations of the Allied Armies under the Command of Marshal Sir William Beresford.

In the latter Sir William Beresford gives an account of the attack on the Allied Armies at Albuera on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, by the French Army under Marshal Soult, in which after a most severe and sanguinary conflict the French Army was completely defeated with the loss of five Generals killed or since dead

of their wounds, 2000 Rank and file dead on the field of Battle, and from 900 to 1000 Prisoners. It appears by a letter intercepted after the Battle that the French estimate their loss upon the whole as nearer 9000 than 8000.

It is with the greatest concern that it becomes necessary to add, that the loss of the Allied Armies upon this occasion has been most severe. That of the British consisting of nearly 900 killed, 2,732 wounded, and 544 missing. The Portuguese loss amounts to about 400 in killed, wounded, and missing. The

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Spanish loss was not ascertained, but it is supposed to amount to about 1,600.

Marshal Beresford speaks in the highest terms of the incomparable conduct of every part of the British Army; adding that he did not know an individual who did not upon this occasion do his duty. He represents the Portuguese as having manoeuvred in the face of the Enemy with a steadiness and ability not inferior to the British. He commends in the strongest manner the bravery and gallant conduct of the Spanish Troops, and expresses his obligation to

Generals Blake and Castanos for the  
apiritano which he received from them  
throughout the whole of this arduous  
contest.

The Enemy retired after the Battle  
to the ground, <sup>which</sup> he had previously  
occupied. On the night of the 17<sup>th</sup>  
he commenced his retreat on the  
road towards Seville, and  
abandoned Badajoz to its fate.