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Gallegos. 20<sup>th</sup> May 1811.

My Dear General

Such a revolution appears to be taking place in the 10<sup>th</sup> that I begin to hope there may be some prospect of my getting amongst my old friends again. You may suppose I am very anxious. We have seen Lord Robert Manners gazetted for Somerset's & Melbourn in the Queens' <sup>Manners' Majority and do not see fitted up.</sup> he also hear that Charles Manners has exchanged into the 16<sup>th</sup> with Lincoln Stanhope. Now I have had an offer from Stanhope to exchange with me, but I cannot make out whether he has exchanged into the 10<sup>th</sup> or still remains in the 16<sup>th</sup>.



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You will do me the greatest favor  
by letting me know how things really  
stand & by acting for me in whatever  
way you think best subject to His  
Royal Highness's pleasure. Whatever  
he wishes I shall of course most strictly  
endeavour to comply with & I have  
every reason to hope that his intention  
will lead the same way as my desire.

If however, he should not have  
any prospect of getting me into the  
10<sup>th</sup> you have from me full authority  
(with his sanction) of making any  
arrangement with Montrose. His offer  
was made through Mr. Douglas Cotton

not mentioning a sum, but saying  
if I was willing to pay soundly he would  
exchange. On the subject of money  
you will be good enough to confer  
with William Mitchell, who has always  
been so kind to me & shown such  
interest in my advancement that  
I am confident no difficulty will  
arise there.

I have heard some particulars  
of the Battle of Albuera. I do not  
however think it fair to discuss it  
at this distance & without being in  
full possession of all the circumstances.  
I shall be glad to hear how  
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Morena. Massena's Army (now command  
ed by Marmont) was supposed to be  
moving Southward & our Division &  
that <sup>it</sup> were moved on the road to be  
in readiness. The Enemy's movements  
have however stopped & we have  
consequently returned here.

The siege of Badajoz is going on with  
vigour & it is expected to fall soon.  
The opinion is that Lord Wellington  
intends commencing operations across  
the Tago with the siege of Ciudad  
Rodrigo. Our battering Train for  
the purpose is at Oporto. Should  
any movements of importance occur



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Here you may depend upon my  
writing. I could write you a long letter  
on the subject of the Battle of Albuera  
but I must confess I do not like retarding  
other people's descriptions & still less  
their opinions of right & wrong. I well  
know how stories invariably alter in  
going through a variety of hands & I  
should be sorry to be one in helping  
to give a different color to things than  
what one would wish they should  
bear.

I was fearful from your last that my  
letter of thanks to the Prince might  
not have reached him I wrote again



by the last Mail. Nothing can exceed  
the kindness he has shewn me & so  
by you will say every thing to His Royal  
Highness, expressive of the gratitude  
which I am sure you will do me the  
Justice of believing me most sincerely  
to feel. — I trust the Interest he  
is kind enough to take about me will  
induce me to use every Reason  
to endeavour to prove myself worthy  
of it.

Between ourselves, some of my friends  
appear hurt at Lord to not having  
mentioned me at Sabugal. For my  
part I always consider it is not my  
business to consider when a Commander



in which shall notice my conduct  
 or when he shall not. Lord is  
 notorious for saying very little of his  
 Officers & cannot expect that he should  
 go out of his line for me -  
 God bless you

Ever yours most truly  
 J. B. Belushi

You may conceive the state of the French Army  
 by the following - Regent to Paris in disgrace  
 by Napoleon. Napoleon recalled by the Emperor but leaving  
 his Staff at Salamanca or Valladolid. Lison gone  
 home because he will not serve under Regnier.  
 Junot gone home disgusted with the whole. Marchand  
 & Mermel both gone not to return. In short  
 they are all at Loggerheads. -





To the  
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