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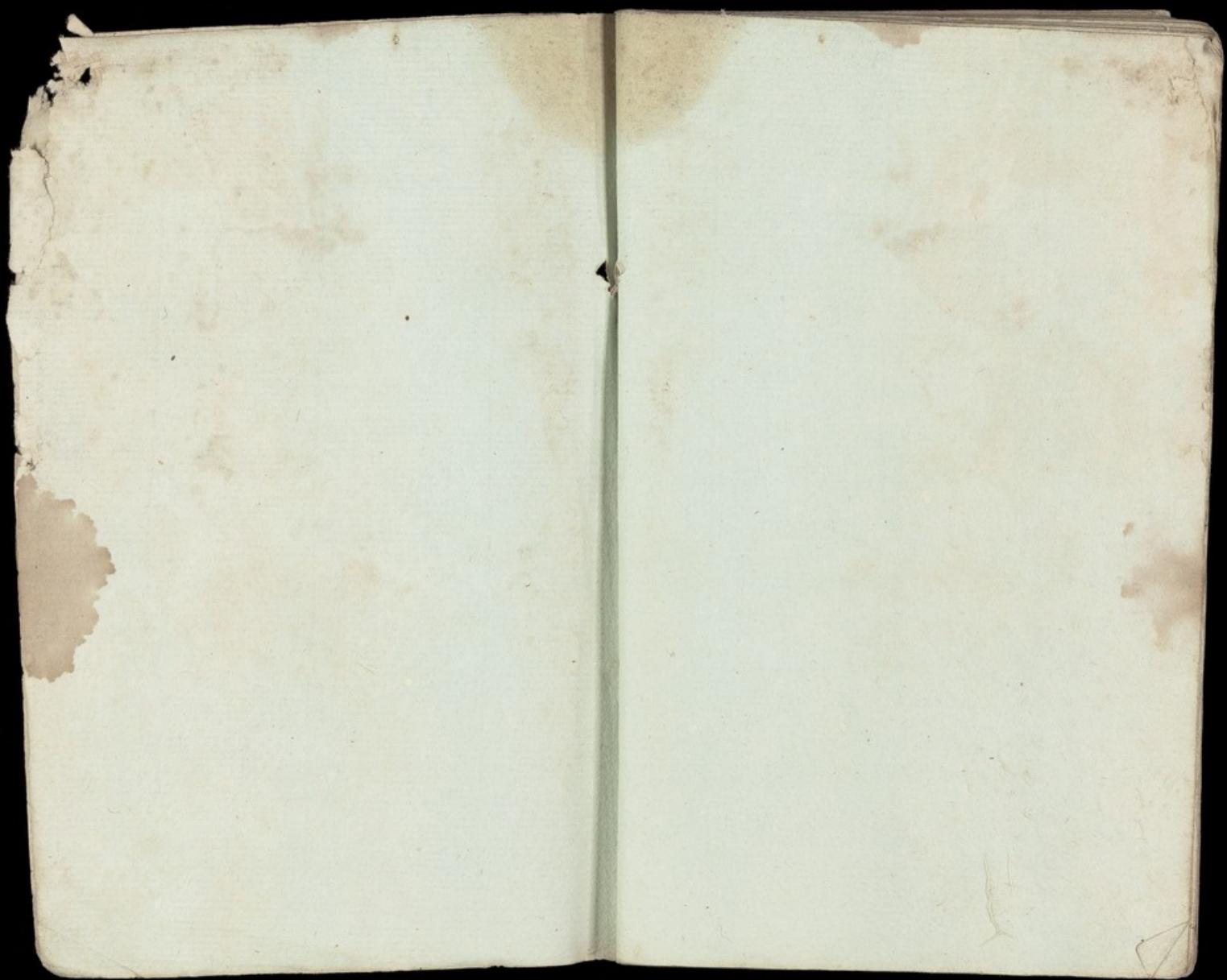


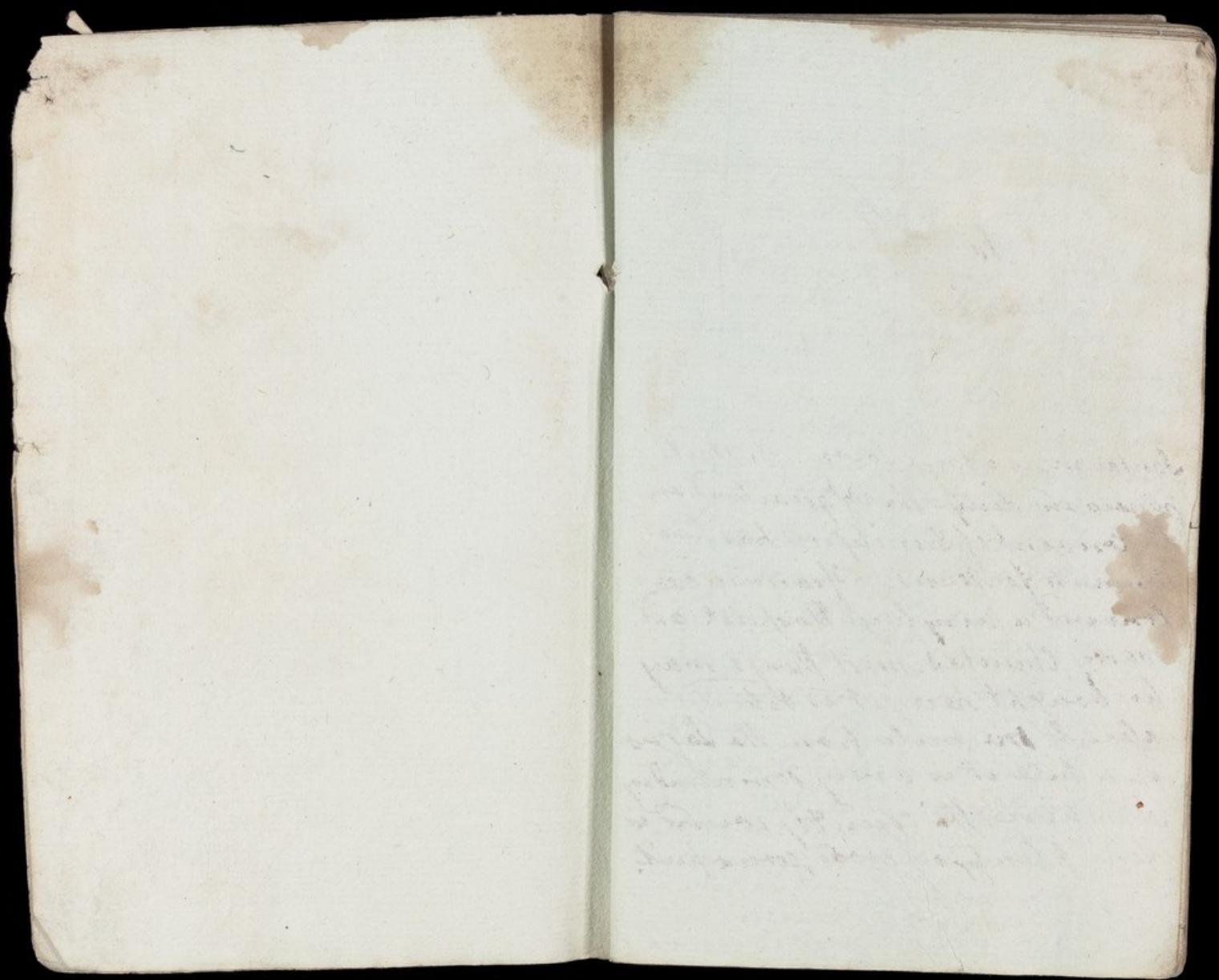
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So So

Santarem is a large town. the streets  
narrow and dirty - the regt quartered in  
the Convent of Trinity - it has two  
Convents for Nuns - a Franciscian  
convent & a very large Hospital and  
many churches. most things may  
be bought here. it is situated  
about one mile from the Tagus  
on a hill it is a very commanding  
situation - the country round is  
full of plenty of wood, corn & fruit.

1807 The Journal of Halkington. (1)

Monday April the 25<sup>th</sup> arrived in the <sup>24<sup>th</sup> Regt</sup> Tagus  
anchored off the Kings Stores Balen at  
2 P.M. 26<sup>th</sup> went on shore in the forenoon  
and saw Balen, the new Palace -  
The Regt disembarked at 6 P.M. and were  
quartered in the Convent of St Domingo.  
wrote to Esther. 27<sup>th</sup> Billedted on a Padre  
in Rua Largo de Annunzia. 29<sup>th</sup> The  
Col<sup>r</sup> received the route for Santarem  
bought a horse for 7 moidores. borrowed  
of Sergeant Peville 20 guineas. gave  
a bill on Coleman Hill for the same.  
May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 A.M. marched from Lisbon  
to Villa Franca 6 Leagues, got a good  
billet. bought an ass 10 Dollars.  
2<sup>d</sup> at 5 A.M. marched to Azambuja  
3<sup>d</sup>: good billet but nothing to eat,  
talked a Portuguese out of a dinner  
3<sup>rd</sup> marched to Santarem 10<sup>th</sup> where  
we were to halt. quartered on a donna  
5<sup>th</sup> The Regt received orders to hold them  
selves in readiness with three days  
provision cooked to march at one  
hours notice. 8<sup>th</sup> Reviewed by Gen<sup>l</sup>  
MacKenzie. bought a mule for 8 moidores.  
sold my ass - wrote to Coleman

Colgan is a large town, the streets wide, it lies in a flat marshy situation, and is said to be much subject to inundations.

Punnett is a large town the streets very narrow & dirty it is situated at the intersection of the Zemua and the Sagres.

Corticada, a small poor town it was entirely deserted, the houses stripped of every thing moveable.

Castello Branco a large ill built town, it has an old castle in bad repair which completely commands the town it is supposed to be the highest ground in Portugal.

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At noon the Regt received orders to march by road immediately to Sobrala formosa left Santarem at 3 P.M. and arrived at Colgan at 2 A.M. 19<sup>th</sup> our guide having lost his way 5<sup>th</sup> left Colgan at 9 A.M. arrived at Punnett 3<sup>rd</sup> crossed the River Zemua over a well constructed bridge of boats. 20<sup>th</sup> Marched from Punnett to Villa de Rei 8<sup>th</sup>. The road lay through a mountainous country near St Domingo 2<sup>nd</sup> from Villa de Rei is a strong pass fortified. 21<sup>st</sup> Halted, billeted on a Priest who though poor treated us well. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5 P.M. marched and arrived at Cardigos 2<sup>nd</sup>; at 9 A.M. proceeded on our march to Corticada met a dragoon with orders for the Regt to halt, returned, during our stay in this town of five weeks, wrote twice to England. June 1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> The Regt ordered to halt. 22<sup>nd</sup> 150 men arrived volunteers 26<sup>th</sup> lost my mule. The Regt received orders to march in the night to Corticada 27<sup>th</sup> marched to Corticada 28<sup>th</sup>.

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marched from Sorocada with the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Batt<sup>n</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Regt. a brigade of artillery &  
the King's German Hussars, passed thro'  
Sobaria formosa 2*l.*; where I gained  
my mule for a mount, passed the  
spas of Trazelas which is fortified  
and arrived at Saizelais 1*l.*  
29<sup>th</sup> Marched to Castello Branco 3*l.*; passed  
about halfway another pass not fortified  
30<sup>th</sup> Halted. The brigade was here joined  
by the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> 45<sup>th</sup> Regt. and Coln Donkin's  
brigade was with ours to form the  
divisions of Gen<sup>r</sup> Mazenot. Sir A.  
Wellesley arrived, and reviewed the  
divisions.

July 1<sup>st</sup>. Marched to La Doure 3*l.*  
2<sup>nd</sup> To Sobaria 3*l.*; lodged in a barn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Passed Salvaterra 3*l.*; crossed the small  
river Elga and pass which divides Spain  
from Portugal, passed Zarza-Mor 1*l.*  
from the pass, and marched 1*l.* beyond  
and halted in a wood. total 5*l.* The  
country fine and open the roads amaz-  
ingly bad. 4<sup>th</sup> Halted 5<sup>th</sup> marched nearly  
to Mor-allear 1*l.*; and halted.

Louia is a good Town walled, has the remains of a strong castle - a fine Cathedral - the River is narrow but deep - it is situated on the river O'Alagon - which has lately changed its bed - you now see a bridge without any water - it has 1500 inhabitants - the village receives the Zotes falls into the Segus. The walls of Galisteo are in a very good state of preservation - it is a small town about 1200 inhabitants

Placencia is large well built Town situated on the river Tinto - it has some fine churches - a tolerable Market - the Town is well supplied with water - fountains are continually playing in every part of the Town - the water is conveyed to the town by an aqueduct, for two leagues, near the town you ride on 80 arches

Oriapuca is but a small town in a good position - it has a royal Palace - near this Town is division of the Provinces of Estremadura and New Castile

1809 July 6<sup>th</sup> 4  
Marched to Louia 2 L: not allowed to hunt, lay under the trees. 7<sup>th</sup> Hunted in a wood 2 miles from Galisteo; 4 L: and hunted on the banks of the river O'Alagon. 8<sup>th</sup> Dashed the river over a bridge of carts, passed under the walls of Galisteo, and marched to Placencia 3 L: the Reg't quartered in the casa de Bobadeda which held 2000 men got a good bullet. 9<sup>th</sup> Marched 1 L: to a wood in a valley east of Placencia - hunted on the banks of the River. 10<sup>th</sup> Hunted. 11<sup>th</sup> Received a sudden rout to march to Malpartida 2 L: over the mountains S: E of Placencia 12<sup>th</sup> Hunted. 13<sup>th</sup> Hunted 14<sup>th</sup> Hunted 15<sup>th</sup> Hunted on the banks of the River Tinto near the Inn of Balsagrona 3 L: 16<sup>th</sup> Hunted. 17<sup>th</sup> crossed the Tinto on a bridge of donkeys and hunted beyond the inn of Balsagrona 18: 18<sup>th</sup> Marched thro' Chahadores 2 L: and hunted in a wood 2 L: total 4 L: 19<sup>th</sup> Passed Salapuebla 1 L: casa de los loma 1 L: to a wood total 1 L: 20<sup>th</sup> Passed the Benta 1 L: & Oriapuca 2 L: to Torralba 1 L: total 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  L: 21<sup>st</sup> Marched at 5 A.M. on the road to Salavera 1 L: countermanded & returned. The Spanish Army passed thro' in the Evening inspected by Gen'l Cuesta.

Talavera de la Reyna: a large well built town formerly walled past, of which still remains. situated on the north bank of the Tagus in a fruitful valley abounding in grain and olives. over the river is the bridge of St Catherine of 34 arches. it contains many churches monasteries the chief St Monono. St Barts. & St Augustine. The church of St Monono is very fine particularly the Alterpiece. The Town was noted for its wealth & amusements. It had large silk, <sup>royal</sup> Manufactories, some of which the French have destroyed & the others so but little worked. The chief trade of the town was in Silk, Goose and Hati.

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Marched at 3A.M: at 7<sup>th</sup> passed a small village heard the firing of the French and Spanish. At 9<sup>th</sup> passed the reserve of Spanish Cavalry drawn up; marched forward in column of Regt. 24<sup>th</sup> Right 11<sup>th</sup> passed 3 French men dead at 3 P.M: halted in a olive wood on the left of Talavera the french having retreated. 23<sup>rd</sup> the Regt under arms at 3A.M: the whole army advanced supposed to attack the french, but retreated to their old situation at 1P.M: with the exception of our division. I was directed by G.O: to remain with the sick at Talavera, went with my baggage to Talavera, received the sick applied to Dr Franks Surgeon and was relieved in the Evening by Dr Guyon Rule of the 87<sup>th</sup> joined my best in a wood one legue in advance, near the ruins of a Palace, and in sight of the French camp. 24<sup>th</sup>: under arms at 7<sup>th</sup> past 12. Marched at 3A.M: each man received a pint of wine arrived at the river Alberche in front of the french camp at 7<sup>th</sup> past 4.5. the french

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had retreated in the night, crossed the river, and passed the French camp, passed thro' Cazalegas 28: and recrossed the river one league beyond and bivouacked.  
25<sup>th</sup> Halted 26<sup>th</sup> at crossed the river and took up a position in front of Cazalegas, to cover the retreat of the Spanish Army that had been repulsed. The Spaniards were retreating in the greatest disorder the whole night.  
27<sup>th</sup> Under arms at 2A.M. and 9 A.M., passed Cazalegas, at 11. and took up a position in front of the French camp immediately left it and recrossed the river Alberche. at noon took up our old position in front of the old Palace. at 2P.M. the men loaded the guns soon after commenced very hot on the left, began to retreat toward the main body at 3P.M. - occasionally taking up fresh positions until 9P.M. and for the last hour under a heavy cannonade of shot & shell from the flying artillery of the enemy without much loss. passed thro' the line drawn out.

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at 1/2 past 9 P.M: the French attacked the hill that commanded our position on the right with great force and carried it. It was defended by the Germans; the 3<sup>rd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> D'tach't gained it and drove the enemy with great loss, at the same time there was a hearty firing on the right near the Town where the enemy were also repulsed remained quiet till day light on the 28<sup>th</sup>. They attempted to take up a position in rear of the guards on the left of the 40<sup>th</sup> in a wood. The French at 8 O'clock A.M: commenced the attack with a most tremendous cannonading, on the left and centre, at least 50 pieces of artillery, at the same time a strong column attacked the Hill, but were repulsed after a severe loss, and about half an hour a dead silence till 2 P.M: when the enemy made a fierce attack on the right which was followed by a serious one on the left and centre where they were after a most bloody fight of some hours repulsed the field of battle was often occupied by the different parties, till 7 P.M: when both

The French force was allowed by  
every officer to be 46,000. the English  
were 15,000. lost 2,300 Cavalry.  
The Spaniards were last left as follows  
Killed wounded Missing

English	French.
5,335.	near 13,000.
out of whom 7,000 were killed or died in a few days.	
they lost 10 pieces of Cannon a Day before	
Official Report of the French Loss —	
12,365 hors de combat	

Major Popham  
Col. Colles  
Lt. Thorne  
Lt. Spanish  
Lt. Allen —  
Lt. Grant

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armies resumed their original position  
and all firing ceased, in the night the  
enemy retreated in great disorder.

29<sup>th</sup> early in the morn went to Salavera  
by 9:0: to attend the wounded. 30<sup>th</sup> our  
Hospital established in the Convent of  
St Jerome. Capt Tilson died of his  
wound.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> The army marched towards  
Oriapieca at 4 A:M: ordered to remain  
at Salavera in charge of my wounded  
at noon Lt Col Mr Skinner of the  
Guards called all the English Officers  
together and desired that everyone  
that could, should make their  
escape from the city as he expec-  
ted the French would enter it in  
the evening. The best Surgeons  
were to remain and do as well  
as circumstances would permit.  
We left the town at 10 P:M: the  
rear guard left the town

4<sup>th</sup> No fresh news. 5<sup>th</sup> The Spanish  
cavalry entered thro' the city — we  
were in the greatest want of provision

1809 August 6<sup>th</sup>

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at 11A.M. saw the advance of the  
advance of the french Cavalry from  
the church - they entered the Town  
under Gen<sup>t</sup> Beaumont - fine troopers  
good horses, they pillaged the town.

7<sup>th</sup> at 8A.M. the advance of the Infantry  
arrived the commandant, Marshal  
Victor, the soldiers pillaged the  
houses & many wounded & slighting  
I secured my Kit, & cattle by keeping  
them in the Hospital. Reported me  
were to be sent as fast as possible to  
Madrid, and that the surgeons were  
not to be considered prisoners -

8<sup>th</sup> at 3P.M. The french infantry  
crossed the Tagus - a heavy sprung on  
the right - Provisions issued by the  
french. More french arrived and  
also crossed - the bridge with cavalry

9<sup>th</sup> the french returned. 10<sup>th</sup> the french  
retreated towards Madrid, leaving  
a Regt or two. Reported the Spaniards  
were defeated - 13<sup>th</sup> many of our  
wounded moved to Madrid

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Marshall Mortiers corps arrived from  
Bapucca - 22<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon found  
myself very unwell with feversick  
symptoms - had been unwell ever since  
the retreat of our Army, obliged to go to  
bed - at night the fever was formed -

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Convalescent 18<sup>th</sup> gained strength  
13<sup>th</sup> Victor's army arrived part remain  
ed the rest marched towards Bapucca  
20<sup>th</sup> walked out - 27<sup>th</sup> returned to my  
duty - in the last 10 days - 92 men  
died out of 500 British sick the  
men were confined to Hospital by  
the French.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2 Marshall Victor's army  
retreated - 3 Marshall Mortiers corps  
arrived numberless reports of the  
Marl<sup>d</sup> Dopham left us for Madrid sold  
him my horse for 60 Dollars -  
26<sup>th</sup> ordered to go to Madrid next  
morn. Rec'd a passport - 27<sup>th</sup> did not  
March - 28<sup>th</sup> left Salavera for St. Ollala  
5<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> to Naval-Carretero &c.  
30<sup>th</sup> Through Huesca Postoles to Madrid  
5<sup>th</sup> our Passports taken from us, locked  
close prisoners in the letters.

The entrance to Madrid is over  
the River Manzanares - over which  
is a most elegant bridge of Grecian  
at this time of the year the river is  
scarcely knee deep - but swells greatly  
after the rainy season - the bridge  
communicates to a spacious ~~wide~~  
raised road, we passed the south  
walls of the city and entered at the  
south gate, into a handsome  
Mall - On the left is the City - the  
streets are very fine - on the  
right is the Botanical Garden  
and the Retiro nearly half way  
down the Mall -

1009. September 3<sup>rd</sup> 11  
Sold my mule for 10 Dollars - Keened Grant  
went to Hospital, I went to St. Francois  
6<sup>th</sup>. Made up my mind to attempt to  
escape with the two Beamishas 81<sup>st</sup>  
Early 29<sup>th</sup> Stereo 107<sup>th</sup> Rule 87<sup>th</sup> Started  
by rope, from the window at 11 a.m.  
crossed the walls and arrived in the outer  
garden, almost immediately challenged  
by a sentry G Beamish & Rule fell back  
and retreated to their rooms, the rest  
advanced and after more than one  
hour spent in the garden machine,  
found an abber in the midst of  
Sentries, and were obliged to give  
ourselves up to a sergeant guard  
Conveyed to the officers guard room,  
from thence removed to the dungeon,  
with Hennott & Bearneich clerks  
the place very cold having six windows  
iron grated, without glass - whilst  
confined here they allowed us very  
black bread & a little meat. 15 The  
French began to fortify the gate of  
the Retiro towards the City. 24<sup>th</sup> The  
Spanish prisoners arrived taken  
at Leganes, near 12000 - on general  
abrepadee - 300 officers of the advance only

Guardaramma is immediately at the foot of the mountains, you begin to ascend near the town for about two leagues, on the top of the mountain is a large stone pedestal and statue of a lion, erected in honor of Ferdinand the 7<sup>th</sup> - this stone marks the boundaries of Old & New Castile from it you have a view of the immense plains of New Castile as far as the eye can reach you see Madrid and the grand Monastery of the Escurial the prospect on the side of Old Castile is also grand but not so extensive the descent from the mountain on this side is equal to the ascent on the other, at the foot of the mountain the road divides the left to Valladolid the right to Segovia & Oldfons.

Segovia is a very ancient town built on a large rock in a very singular form the streets are narrow & the houses ill built it has however gate on the Madrid side also a fine aqueduct supposed to be built by the Romans tho' the Spaniards think its equal in antiquity to the Egyptian

1809 November 24<sup>th</sup>

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Marched from the Retiro at 10a: m: with 2000 Spanish Prisoners, about 200 officers - arrived at Guardaramma after a severe march of 8 leagues at 2 o'clock 25<sup>th</sup> A: m: placed in the common prisons with the privates 25 crossed the mountains of Guardaramma and halted at <sup>Lotzaco</sup> Otro - directed on the left of the high road near the Palace of Riofrío 5<sup>th</sup> lodged as last night 26 arrived at Segovia 2<sup>nd</sup> b: confined with the Spanish officers in the Tower the people very anxious to serve us - on the march 5 Spanish shot during our stay here many of the Spanish officers escaped the weather very cold the ground covered with snow 27<sup>th</sup> Halted 28<sup>th</sup> Halted 29<sup>th</sup> Marched to St Maria 5<sup>th</sup> lodged in a billet by ourselves - a poor town here we found the french had for their safety barricaded the streets this place was followed in nearly every town on the road, when a detachment was stationed -

monuments. it is formed by a double row of arches supported, in its greatest height by pillars, in the highest part it is eighty seven feet, you reckon 159 arches.  
Segovia has about 10000 inhabitants

1809 November 30<sup>th</sup>

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Marched to Coca 3<sup>ds</sup>; a small town formerly walled has a fine old castle Gothic part in good preservation in a most delightful situation - and in former times a strong position here is a Royal glass manufactory  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1 - Olmedo, a very good town 3<sup>ds</sup>: on our march passed a large fort had a very good collection of arms  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 2 Valde Stillas 3<sup>ds</sup>: this town was nearly destroyed, by the french about one week before our arrival near this, the roads divide to Salamanca &c. 3<sup>ds</sup> crossed the river Duro at Puente Dero arrived at Valladolid 4<sup>ds</sup>; from Segovia the country is level - has many villages on all sides - a vast deal of wood - the soil very sandy. Valladolid is a large town walled the River Duerna passes through it; it has some fine churches a handsome Plaza with piazzas an English and a Scotch College

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Haldid dined with D' Cameron  
vice-rector of the Scotch College.  
5<sup>th</sup> Marched to Doñicas 6 li. on the  
maine crossed the river  
over a handsome stone bridge. The  
<sup>town</sup>  
~~was~~ poor, the streets narrow & dirty  
but in a very romantic situation  
the cause for securing the iron  
on the side of the hill has a curi-  
ous appearance. 6<sup>th</sup> To Torquer-  
mada nearly destroyed, the first  
town the French burnt in Spain  
a woolen manufactory - on the  
right of the road half a league from  
Doñicas stands the convent of  
Benedictines San Llore supposed  
to have been before the arrival of the  
French one of the richest & finest  
in Spain. Torquemada is 6 leagues  
from Doñicas situated on the  
river Bazuanga over which is  
a handsome stone bridge of  
twenty eight arches.

Burgos was supposed formerly  
to have contained 35,000 inhabitants  
at present they do not reckoning 9,000.  
The river Arlanzon runs into the  
Tajuenga which as well as the  
Esquivia empties itself into the  
Duro below Valladolid.

1009 December 7<sup>th</sup>.

To Villa Rodriguez 1<sup>st</sup> L: a very poor town.  
8<sup>th</sup> To Celada del camino 1<sup>st</sup> L: small town  
9<sup>th</sup> To Burgos 4<sup>th</sup> L: the road from Valladolid  
to Burgos is beyond every thing  
beautiful - a fine rich country  
abounding in villages. and perfectly  
plain. Burgos is a fine large town  
has fine Gothic Cathedral said to  
be the handsomest in Spain -  
a very fine Gothic gateway. a  
handsome Plaza in the centre of  
which is a well executed bronze  
statue of Charles the 3<sup>rd</sup> - a fine  
wall. It contains 14 Churches  
24 Monasteries it is situated  
on the River ~~Dar~~ Arlanzon over  
which are three stone bridges -  
10<sup>th</sup> Walked. 11<sup>th</sup> To Berbesca 7<sup>th</sup> L: 12<sup>th</sup> To  
Miranda del Ebro 7<sup>th</sup> L: crossed the  
Ebro over a handsome stone  
bridge. on the march ~~crossed~~ passed  
the village a strong castle San  
Cobo. Then is a fort 1<sup>st</sup> L: from  
Berbesca - near thence the road to Bilbao

1809 Decr. 12<sup>th</sup>

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divides. The pass of Pantorbe is formed  
as it were by the union of a immense  
mountain it extends nearly  
half a league, in one part the rocks  
are very grand hang over the road.

13<sup>th</sup> To Victoria ~~at 6 L.~~ one league from  
Miranda you meet on the left of  
the road a handsome pedestal which  
marks the boundary of the provinces  
of Old castille and Alaba. The road  
from Burgos here is equal to any in  
the world, the country is more  
mountainous and contains an  
amazing number of villages, more  
especially near Victoria. Victoria  
is a good town contains in the  
whole about 1200 houses and about  
6000 souls. The Plaza is a regular  
stone building with Pergolas;  
formerly many English resided here  
who traded with Bilbao & the interior.

14<sup>th</sup> To Montdragon 5. On the march  
we enter the Province of Guipugcoa.  
from Victoria every half league you  
find a small village. The common  
people ~~do~~ do not speak Castilian  
in this province.

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To Villa Real 4<sup>th</sup>: we crossed a very high mountain. 16<sup>th</sup> To Tolosa 6<sup>th</sup>: the capital of the Province situated on the river Douria, in a very hilly country but very fertile. we had a good bullet the people were very anxious for us to escape. 17<sup>th</sup> Halted - 18<sup>th</sup> To Sternanni 3<sup>leagues</sup> a small town. 19<sup>th</sup> To Poon 4<sup>th</sup>: at 1P. M. came in sight of the sea we had a good bullet. This is the last town in Spain and situated about 1 League from the river that divides France & Spain. though so near France the manners, customs and dress, do not in the least resemble the French. in the whole of the Province of Gaspuzcoa, the people appear very industrious, the women are more handsome and wear their hair very long and platted. the men have a very wild and ferocious look, & to the very last town, express'd themselves with more inveteracy against the French, than those before us.

1809 December 19<sup>th</sup>

100<sup>th</sup>

other provinces. Yroon is a small town situated within sight of the sea. here sixteen Spanish officers who had been paroled escaped we suppose on account of the brutal manner in which the Regiment of Nassau [2] treated the prisoners shooting every man that could not march. they also shot a Spanish officer at Victoria for attempting to escape. From Lisbon to  
Laguna.

The boundary near Salvatierra - 45  
from Salvatierra to Madrid - 56  
from Madrid to the river } 100  
Bidogosa 16: from Yroon }

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Laguna

on entering the Province of  
Pistemadura at Zarza you  
find the country nearly plain  
to Placencia which is situated in  
a valley surrounded by very  
large mountains you cross the  
mountains to the southward for  
Malpartida this mountain

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extends nearly to Navalcarnero  
and runs East & West; at the time  
we passed it July it had snow  
in many parts; from Malpartida  
the country is a perfect plain  
to Madrid, between Malpartida  
and Alpujarras you pass an  
immense royal forest from  
Madrid to Guardarama  
roads. The ~~wood~~ <sup>roads</sup> ~~there~~ are level,  
and after these mountains you  
have scarcely a hill until  
you pass Burgos whence  
to Groon your journey lays  
through branches of the Pyrenees.

1809 December the 20<sup>th</sup>

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Left Bayonne by the river  
Bidasoa that divides France from  
Spain is one league on the marsh  
you cross it over a fine wooden  
bridge the river at this time was  
large owing to the late rains we  
were given to understand in the  
summer it is but small.

You pass the small town of Orogene  
also St Jean de Luz between this  
town and Bayonne the road  
runs very near the sea we  
arrived at Bayonne about 50<sup>m</sup>

and went into private lodgings  
21<sup>st</sup> Halted reported ourselves to  
the commandant and received an  
order for Verdun also ten francs  
and directions to leave Bayonne  
next Morn. This is a large  
town illbuilt situated on  
a good river - it had scarcely  
any shipping - it is fortified

1809 December 21<sup>st</sup>

(21)

on the side towards Spain we  
went to the Dax - 22<sup>nd</sup> left Bayonne  
in a coach & six Mules at 11 A.M.  
and arrived at Bordeaux on the  
28<sup>th</sup> at noon passing thro' the towns  
of Mount manzan-Dax-Roquefort.  
Bordeaux where we eat our Christmas  
dinner - put up at the Hotel  
de Providence not a very good  
inn the road from Bayonne  
to Bordeaux is infernous, a painful  
ride - went to the Dax - 29<sup>th</sup> Halted  
Bordeaux is a beautiful town  
situated on the Garonne.  
it has a beautiful Theatre a  
very neat Exchange - the Streets  
are wide and well built.  
we drew money here at 25 pcts.  
30<sup>th</sup> at noon crossed the Garonne  
in a boat there being no bridge  
and the same boat crossed the Dordogne  
in the same manner arrived  
at St Andre.

1810 - January 1<sup>st</sup>

22

Passed Angouleme a fine town  
in a very good situation, and in  
a fine country supposed to be  
the garden of France - passed  
Poitiers, in a beautiful and formerly  
a very commanding situation  
the ancient walls are amazingly  
thick also passed Issos it has  
a most beautiful street it  
situated on the Loire - from  
Issos to Orléans the road is  
very fine, on the banks of  
the Loire - and raised, on beds  
of the low ground which at  
this time was flooded - we  
arrived at Orléans at noon  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - it is a large town  
on the Loire - the square is  
ornamented by a handsome  
statue of the Maid of Orléans.  
it has a fine cathedral -

1810. January 9<sup>th</sup>

23

Left Orleans in a bon-moderate car without springs at 7<sup>th</sup> A.M. arrived in the evening at Montargis 10 L: 19<sup>th</sup> 10 St: the road infarneous this is a very wretched poor town 10<sup>th</sup> to Sens 10 L: the country from Orleans to Sens is most wretchedly barren - the road as yesterday you have a fine view of Sens as you approach the town, from the hill that commands it; it is a large town has a fine cathedral on a large river a branch of the Seine it is navigable to Paris 11<sup>th</sup> Troye 18 L: a good road and fine country - it is a fine town a large stocking manufactory, has a handsome cathedral and Bishop's Palace 12 at 1 P. M: left Troye for Chalons 22 L: in dilapidated a horrid winter conveyance

During the period of my stay at Verdun I was as comfortable as a Prisoner of War could expect to be; every fifth day we were to count our names in a book by 10 o'clock the next called the Appel - and on the 26 we were all mustered & after riding ~~Home~~  
~~and not staying beyond two hours from the~~  
~~These two hours~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~had~~ been observed  
and the rest of our time  
was entirely our own -  
the day was usually spent  
in walking with some of the  
members or a so on of the  
villages near the town - and  
in the Club Room which  
was well conducted having  
all the newspapers, a billiard  
room card room &c -  
Bacchus man & Chef - &  
also a very excellent first class  
<sup>white</sup> ~~French~~ <sup>Opera</sup> ~~Opera~~ <sup>of the time</sup>  
Comedians. - The Number  
of English men very great about  
550 - and were said departing  
of good opinion, my self no  
dissatisfied with the situation.

1010 January 13<sup>th</sup>

24

Arrived at Chalon at 8 A.M. a large  
clean town a good turn the Ronne  
driv a stocking Manufactory, a  
good market has two fine churchs  
a Ecole d'Artillerie established 3 years  
past by the Emperor a good  
building - good Champagne L. B.  
left Chalon at 2 P.M. in a Party  
for Verdun - 20 li. slept at St Mire  
= received a regular built town  
14 at noon arrived at Verdun  
reported myself was registered,  
met Major Dopham & Lieutenant  
of my own Regiment. 15<sup>th</sup>  
took lodgings at no 5 Rue de l'ouvrage  
at 30 L. per Month 6 Li. maid. 4 Black  
16<sup>th</sup> admitted a member of the  
upper Club. 18<sup>th</sup> Dined with Drury  
R.H. 21<sup>st</sup> Met Capt De Haenland R.H.R.  
29<sup>th</sup> a very strong letter was received by  
Mr Gordon reporting that the exchange  
of Prisoners was settled in Paris.

The Exchange on England  
was general 25<sup>th</sup> Feb below par-  
but yet there appeared abundance  
of money amongst the Prisoners  
which was very cheat and bad.  
Thus had I conceived my confinement  
was to have been a happy one  
had not I waited to have  
passed three months in a better  
situation, as after General peace was but  
being uncertain as to the duration  
of our confinement & became more suspicious  
we were continually being brought  
up with the hopes of a general  
exchange of Prisoners. Patrick  
Power fell to the ground  
at length a missive from  
the Surgeon taken at Salerne  
was sent off April 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M.  
and at the period of the marriage  
of Napoleon with Marie Louise  
we rec'd our passports to return  
to England.

1815. February - 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Drew on Greenwood for this Penitence  
at Paris for 30<sup>l</sup> at 10-15<sup>l</sup>  
all hopes of an exchange were vanished  
sent a letter a duplicate to Fox & C<sup>o</sup>  
inclosing one to Coleman Hale also  
sent a letter by Capt. Lestrange  
of the 31<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>l</sup> by Mrs Tuckey.

March 13 entered our lodgings no 8  
Rue port Chatel with Carlyle at  
52 liv: 16<sup>th</sup> Mr. Henry French  
Master came first.

20<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Pitt & Mr. Douglas with their  
order for Davis. 30<sup>th</sup> they left  
Vidur, and took our Memorial  
to the Minister of War wrote to  
my Mother.

April 5 Major Popham left Vidur  
wrote to Deveaux by him  
11. Drew on Coleman Hale this  
M<sup>r</sup> Pitt Penitence £10. at 25<sup>l</sup> rec'd.  
wrote to Major Popham from  
whom I rec'd a letter mentioning  
the state of Calais etc on the  
7<sup>th</sup> of Apr

25.

Desired to write to Sullivan. Colles  
L M: Durrell.

May 5 P.M.  
G

May 17 G.R.

17 Half Month pas. 13. 6<sup>l</sup>  
To Chalons - 7. 10<sup>l</sup>  
18 To Verdun - 17. 10<sup>l</sup>

Saw some very pretty old: from  
Verdun.

Chateau Henry has the remains of a  
castle on the hill commanding the town  
it is a good town has a handsome  
stone bridge. Dined at the Table d'Hotel  
with the passengers of the diligences  
3. 10<sup>l</sup>.

10/10 April 17<sup>th</sup>  
went out of Port-Metz, first time  
of leaving the town.

11 Thomas Allen & myself  
sent a letter each thro' the  
Rev Mr Gordon to General  
Whiston at Briancon.

May 13 our Passport arrived  
for Mortain - Left Colles  
midnight from Madrid

we left Madrid 11<sup>th</sup> March

16 Took our passports and  
indemnity to Chalons 13. 6<sup>l</sup>

17 left Verdun at 5 a.m. passed  
Aixmont & Mouhoul hasted at Tilletaille

18 Passed Chalons and indemnity to  
Tilletaille 17. 10<sup>l</sup>. passed Epernay and  
hasted at a small village Laon 16 L.

19 Passed Dormans, Chateau Henry  
hasted at La Ferte 15 L; here are  
thousands of large & small will  
trees.

1810 May 20<sup>th</sup> Arr.

Boarded Mme. Clay, and arrived at Paris, by the Barrier of St. Martin. Stopped at Rue St. Dominique, near Luxembourg. went to the Théâtre d'Impératrice - a new building very handsome, but badly lighted. The house was very thin. The upper boxes have curtains which keep them quite private. Dined at the Rue D'Orléans Luxembourg.

21 Called on May Popham Birmingham 29<sup>th</sup> Regt. Dr. Major for permission to remain 7 days saw the Muséum Napoléon Statues & Pictures. The Palace & Garden of Tuilleries - The Triumphal Arch known as of Victory La Place de Concord where Louis was beheaded - Opera Comique - Café de l'An Colonne -

22 Saw Notre Dame with the brazen Robes & Paper decorations, the Hotel de Dieu Bibliothèque Imp. M. L. la Guerre Police Dined at Rôtisserie de concierge Académie Imp. de Musique coffee House. Ball Hall de la

dine d'at Grignons -  
Rue P. de l'Orangerie

May 23-1810

Called on Dampierre Dress for 20L  
in Greenwich St - ~~B-2~~

saw the antique Bronzes  
Galleries of Luxembourg - Conservative  
Senate, and Chambers of the  
Emperor.

24 Gobelin Tapestry a royal  
Manufactury - Jardin de plants  
Menagerie - Court Anteby  
M. H. Denis Jardin des Plantes  
See Fire & Feuille Supper  
with Birmingham Palace  
Royal a Bill & Ball

25 Sèvres Porcelain Manu-  
factory Compagny de Guerre  
Nesquiller - Manufactory of Cork  
two Palaces of Trianon, Drancy  
Baths of Apollo i Castle  
Opera - Triumph of Trajan

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1816.

Called on M<sup>r</sup> Capt. Bonaparte  
visited the Napoleon Museum  
the Legislative Body -

The Royal Stables in the  
Even<sup>n</sup> went to the Theatre  
Français - saw Faust and  
M. Lechesnoie -

27 To the Public Promenades.  
Champs Elysees - Garden ~~of Tuilleries~~  
Gard de Boulogne - ~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> Theatre  
in the Rue. Jardin de Printemps -  
a Jardin des Tuilleries - Mr. Lacoste

27 Museum of Anatomy <sup>of</sup> Salp<sup>o</sup>ire de  
l'Hôpital. Hôtel des Invalides -  
Theatre Bouffes Bourgeois <sup>of</sup> Passage  
Mont Bernard - Paid <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ my coat.

28 Left Paris at 2 P.M. in the  
 diligences for Mortain - \$5.00 <sup>for</sup> me  
Notre Dame de Victoria - <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~  
Versailles 29 arrived at Alençon  
30 passed Mayenne, Laval,  
St. Renné

at Penzance met and travelled  
with from thence to Exeter a Mrs.  
Taylor and her Daughter M<sup>r</sup>.  
Emilia Beauclerk.

Small 13 £  
Dinner 5  
Cavender 23 £  
Lunby 29 -  
Walker 52  
Glaces 82 -

June 7- 1810

Penzance - Montfort - St Brieux  
at 10 o'clock came in sight of the  
sea -

3 Geungamp arrived at Morlaix  
at 4 P.M.

1 Visited commissary de guerre  
& police - Prairie - Mr Mackenzie  
English Agent Red the remains of my  
allowance -

5 Embarked on board the Alizé of  
Morlaix Schooner - Friday even.  
at 5 o'clock arrived on Cat Water  
Plymouth went to the Paper  
Head

9 ~~10~~ Spent a day to Capt Rogers  
Mill Bison and Gen England.

10 Left Plymouth at 8 A.M.  
arrived at Exeter at 5 P.M. -

11 Parted with my companions  
on the Mail coach Tiverton - Glaston  
bury finally arrived in Bath  
at 10 past 3 P.M.  
found my mother had left Bath -

June 12-1810

Went to Puridge to see my Mother  
& Mrs. Brooksbrowne

13 remained at Bath

14 left Bath

15 arrived in London

at Newman Street

met Col<sup>n</sup> Greenmont

16 introduced to Sir J. Baird

Sent his own Memorial to the  
Commander in chief  
and claim of loss of Bass over  
to the board of Trade

17 dinner with Mr. Gell's

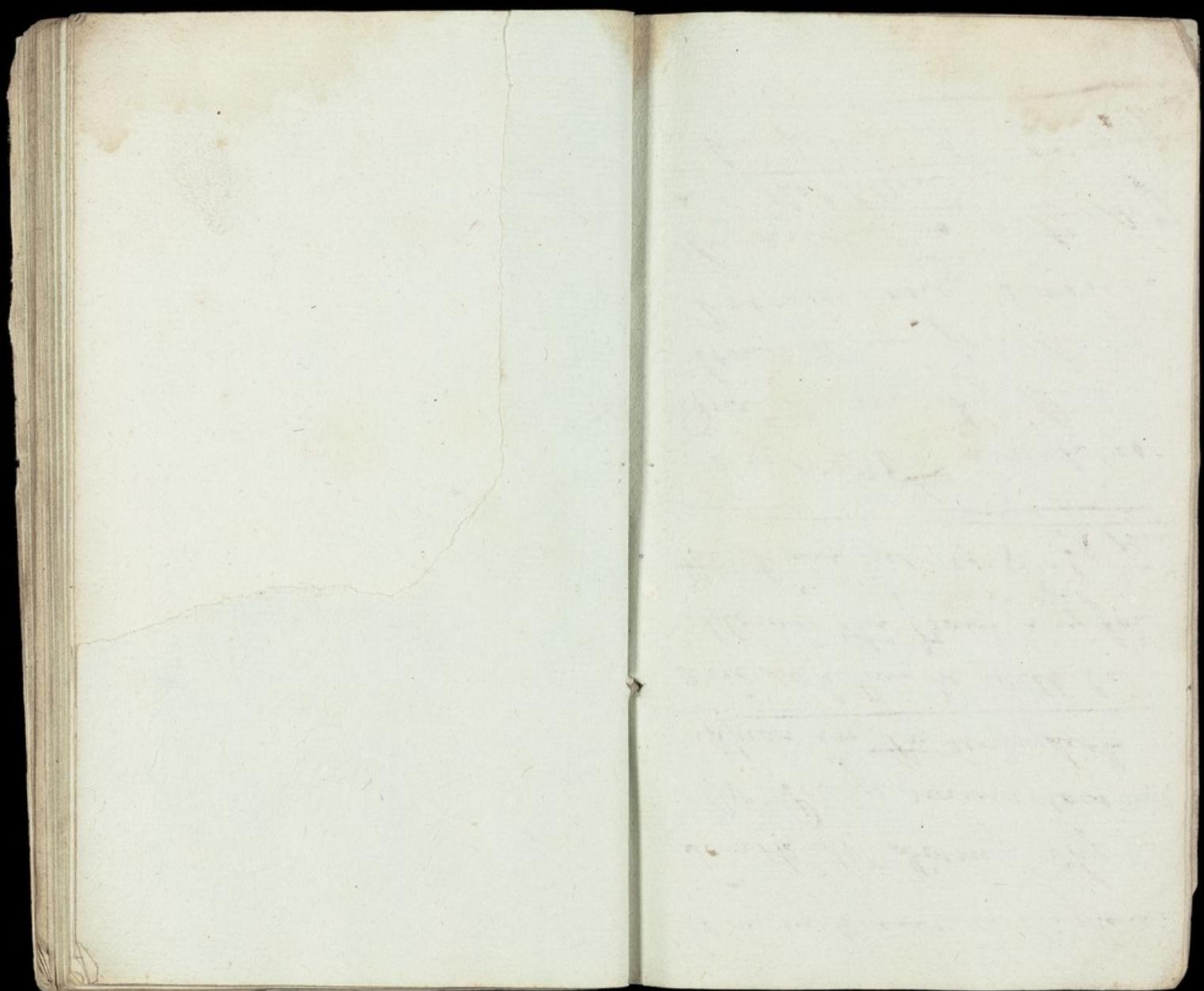
18 left London for Bath

19 arrived in Bath

July 6<sup>th</sup> received a letter from  
Coleman Gill with an account  
that orders were issued for  
my repairing to Portsmouth.  
Went Puridge took care of  
my Mother & sister



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and have not been photographed.**



Commissioner in England  
To ask Mr Disney why  
Mr Penys name does not  
appear in the Armylist -  
and whether he will be  
allowed the Back pay for  
the time he resigned

A Party

To get 38 £ which is  
due to me by the  
Committee for the  
Volunteering service  
By authority with my  
▲ Not iller - <sup>Pone</sup>  
▲ And put on the next page

wounded

1 Coln. Adams 66 -  
1 Coln. Mason 9: Donelands 68

3 Mast Coglan escaped

10 Captains Bryan Guard died

29 Lieuts Elizabeth 62 dead

Cole 65 escaped

Givens escaped

Dudgson 66<sup>th</sup> died

Heel 66 died

Humbley 66

Hengton 87 died

10 Ensigns James 37G escaped

Jepman 24 D<sup>r</sup>

Soden 31 died

Cotter 66 died

66

1 Capt  
5 Lieuts  
1 Ensign  
7 left behind

2 Staff Surgeon

1 Dr

20 Asst Surgeons

23

28

Mr Abbott died 4<sup>th</sup> Decr 1809  
Mr Edward aged 31 died at Madrid  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1810

in Lat D.  
Lorenz Soden 31. died at Madrid  
letter at Naval comision  
in Paris

Captain Reygaed 83 Madrid 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Died ~~March 83~~  
Lt Morris 66 = ad Valladolid  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Capt Wolf & Butche 60 =  
Spaniard left  
Coleman & Brugmann 7<sup>th</sup> G B

*La Légende des Temps Coloniaux*  
*Palais Royal*

*Mardi = Jardin des Plantes*

Theatre Francais *Partie*  
Monday Opera Concert 19th  
~~Wednesday~~ Opera a Sunday  
Le Jardin du Prince  
de l'Entree Rues

*Lundi = Thursday*

*Mardi = Wednesday*

*Mercredi = Vendredi Rector*

*Vendredi =*

*Spectacles*

*Grande Comédie*

