

spies, and the traitorous hidalgos, or nobles, who conspired with them, for the enslavement of their country."—*Life and Campaigns*, p. 176.

Wellington, writing to the Earl of Liverpool, 23d January, 1811, said: "I enclose a newspaper, giving an account of our works; the number of men and guns in each, and for what purpose constructed. Surely it must be admitted that those who carry on operations against an enemy, possessed of all the information which our newspapers give to the French, do so under singular disadvantages."

The day on which the foregoing is transcribed for present use, February 14, 1862, brings American newspapers, in some of which is the following paragraph: "The expedition on the Savannah river amounted to nothing after all. The letters of correspondents of the press having frustrated some of the plans of Commodore Dupont, no steamer will hereafter be allowed to leave for the North until his plans are perfected."

*Three Armies and their Generals run from one another.*—Wellington had given Sir John Murray instructions in writing, comprehensive and minute. He was to attack the fortress of Tarragona, in order to draw General Suchet from Valencia to its aid. Then he was to embark his troops and siege train, and sailing to Valencia, take it by surprise before Suchet could return over the difficult mountain paths to oppose him. Tarragona was accordingly invested; but Murray advanced inland to meet Suchet in battle, leaving his second in command, General Clinton, to carry the fortress of Tarragona by storm the same night. But a report came that another French General, Mathieu, was advancing in force to unite with Suchet. Thereupon Sir John Murray retired hastily to Tarragona, and repeated the orders for the assault. The storming party was formed and ready to advance, but Murray countermanded his order, and against the earnest remonstrances of his officers, directed that the batteries should be dismounted and the siege abandoned. Writing to the War Minister, Wellington said: "I entertained a very high opinion of his talents; but he always seemed to me to want what is better than great talents, sound sense. The best of the story is that all parties ran away; General Mathieu ran away; Sir John Murray ran away, and so did Suchet." Nothing in the varying phases of the war in America has suggested a theme for ridicule like that depicted by the Duke of Wellington. In that run of Sir John Murray, the "time-honoured siege train that had battered the walls of Badajoz was lost." Three Generals and their armies, all brave in battle, even to a fault, reckless at other times, took a sudden panic and ran, one east, one south, and one westward, out to sea.