AN INCIDENT OF THE PENINSULAR WAR

On the occupation of Madrid by Wellington, I had been sent from Cadiz with despatches, an-nouncing the concentration of the French armies, for the purpose of overwhelming the force unde General Hill, left in possession of the capital. 1 still remember those times with a high degree of self-congratulation at even the small share which my services had in them. But I was delighted at the appearance of the British troops. I had seen on of the continent the Prussie Austrian, and even the French, under the eye of Napoleon himself; but I have never seen troops which gave me so much the conception of the thorough soldier as yours. The men on parade thorough soldier as yours. The men ou parade neither stiff nor lounging; on the march steady; and in manœuvring, at once quick and regular. As for our own soldiers they were without pay----of course in rags, and of course careless and un-disciplined; though this I will contend for them, that, when properly commanded they are brave. My orders were to return to Cadiz as soon as pos-cible

sible. Following the troops for some leagues on their route towards Portugal, I turned off, and made the best of my way to Andalusia. This was but a short excursion, however; for a party of Soult's hussars, ranging the country for forage, gue chase to me—my horse was brought down by a shot, and I was made prisoner, along with the dra-goon who attended me. On being brought to the Colonel of the hussars. I received the startling in-relligence that my uniform was not to protect me: telligence that my uniform was not to protect me relligence that my uniform was not to protect me; that, as an Italian born, I was a subject of the Emperor ; and that, on my arrival at head quar-ters I must make up my mind to he shot. I knew remonstrance to be useless, and therefore made none. In a few hours after my capture, I was accordingly sent forward to Soult. If he had heen on the spot, I suppose my fate would have been sealed at once, by a ballet ; but by the time I arrived at what had been his position, the gene-ral had gone in pursuit of the retreating force, and I was ordered to follow him. On setting out, I found that my dragoon, in the confusion of the time, had been overlooked, and contrived to make his escape ; but, with six husars in charge of me, all hope of that kind was idle in my instance, and we went on till nightfall. We had just reached the entrance of the little village where my escort had intended to put up for the night, when a shot whistled past me, and struck the hussar who led my horse by the bridle. He fell. I tuok advan-tage of the moment, and rode for my life. I should probably have distanced my pursuers had my way been over clear ground, but some of the French baggage had broken down in the street, and, just at the instant when I thought myself on the point of getting into the open country, I came that, as an Italian born, I was a subject of the And this strikes me as the most remarkable evi-and, just at the instant when I thought myself on the point of getting into the open country, I came at fall speed, in the dark, against an overturned manuation wagon, which brought my horse headlong to the ground. The hussars now came up, and I was their prisoner again, But the acci-dent changed their plan of quarters; for, finding that the French had completely passed through the village, and the inhabitants exhibiting the usa-al Spanish wrath at the sight of the troops of Na-poleon, the corporal in command resoured no to trant himself and his prisoner to the chances of so rescee bafore more. We moved forward to make league or two, a possant, whom we found, as he told us, hurrying to bring a priest to a fouda, where " we might be same of forage to our horse, straw in can bads, and a good omelet and jug of wine for our supper." for our supper."

now sufficiently drunk to dislike any unnecessity trouble, I was ordered to bring him before them. I obeyed, as it seemed to offer me another chance. But as I left the room, I saw by the light of its lamp, the flash of steel outside a window in the passage, i went out on tiptoe, and saw our persant standing over the dead body of the sentinel; the Frenchman had ben stabbed to the heart, and fallen without a groan. As I looked on with sur-prise, and perhaps with some degree cf horror, he whispered to me, "Say nothing-I must serve the other scoundrels in the same manner." He ooked into the room, and I followed. Whether I deserved credit for my reluctance to see blood unnecessarily shed, I shall not say : for, if ever troops deserved retaliation, the French light troops deserved it from the Spanish peasantry. At all events, when he was ou the point of plun-ging his knife into the hart of the man next him, ging his knile into the hart of the man next him, I caught his arm, and pointed out to him that they were all asleep. "So much the better," was the answer. However, I persuaded him at last to leave this part of the business undone. In fact, they were in such a total lethargy, that we might have hanged the whole without any resistance. He had found some narcotic mixture in the house, with which he had drugged their last bum-ner are a persuative for cutting their last bum-

per, as a preparative for cutting their throats; and his well contrived stumble had saved me from sharing the dose. He now proceeded to make sharing the dose. He now proceeded to make quick work with their pockets, and rifled them of every sous—stripped them of arms and ammuni-tion, and, tying them to the tables with the mules' halters, packed his plunder, swords, and accoutre-ments, on their horses, and mounting, we set off. The moon had by this time gone down, and we had some difficulty in managing our caravan ; but had some difficulty in managing our caravan; but we were in high spirits, and I felt perfectly the difference between galloping over a Spanish heath, and walking to a pacade to be shot. We crossed the country as far as possible from the track of the troops, met no further obstacle, and by daylight fell in with a patrol of the Spanish army, to whom we mentioned the state in which we had left the Freedomen and whether in which we had left the Frenchmen, and whom, doubtless, they made prisoners. I mention this adventure, merely as one among hundreds of thousands. They were perpetually occurring. But I mention it, chiefly as an instance of the adroitness and the gallantry which are in the Spaniard, and which can come out on an emergency-though he is too

apt to wait for the emergency. "But what induced the man to hazard bimself? Was it mere love of adventure, or national hatred of the invader? Of course, he could have known nothing of you ?"

"Why, it would be difficult to say which ; per-heps all had their share. But he knew me well. And this strikes me as the most remarkable evi-dence of the indefatigable spirit of the people. for our supper." The hussars at once agreed that this was better than the bivouac, and we followed the guide. I offered to obtain promotion for him, but he had made so much money by his night's work, that he left the army shortly after."

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New York, Nov. 13, 1841,

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Quebec, 7th May 1841. N. B. Daily expected a choice assorment of China Earthenware.

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The bonse was about a lengue turther, and it was midnight when we reached it, as the 'road was re-markably intricate, and the soldiers were often obliged to dismount and lead their horses. In fact, we were nearly all asleep. The intolerable heat of the day, and the length of the journey, had made us willing to accept of much worse accom-modations than we found. But the fouds seemed to have been just deserted. The arrival of a French detachment at that house, es at any were French detachment at that house, or at any, was certainly not calculated to quiet the minds of the people ; and the family, on hearing our horses feet, had probably fied to the neighbouring cork.

But our guide wanted no assistance, he did the honors of the emply ion with remarkable activity, cooked our omelet, found out the cellar, spread our table and attended it, as if he had been all his our table and attended it, as if he had been an mis-life a waiter. The hussars enjoyed the wice, and drank like thirsty soldiers. As I saw jug al-ter jug swallowed down, I began to think of es-cape, and once glided towards the door. But dis-cipline had not been altogether forgotten, for there I saw one of the party under arms, standing as sentinel, with the horses tied up beside him. cipline had not been altogether forgotten, for there I saw one of the party under arms, standing as sentinel, with the horses tied op beside him. Finding this attempt desperate, I sat down at the table, called for more wine, and proposed a song. The peasant had a guitar which bung ou the wall put into his hand, and was ordered to exert his talent on pain of death. He played and sung af-ter some protestation, and did both tolerably. The corporal then exhibited his own taste, in a camp ditty, which produced rears of faughter from his comrades. I was spared, as they said I might wish

seen the face before, but it was so begrimed with dirt, and altogether so dark, that I was unable to dirt, and altogether so dark, that I was unable to form any precise recollection of the features. The bumper, however, was to highly approved of, that our waiter was despatched to the cellar for a fresh supply. As he lingered longer than usual, murmurs began to rise, and the hussars being

commands are to go by merit, I know of no man likelier to rise to still higher distinction." in real suid optablishes lighter

THE LATE LORD SYDEN DAM .- The deceased Charles Poulett Thomson was eldest son of Mr. J. Poulett Thomson, of Kochampton and Austin Friare, and brother of Mr. George Poulet Scrope, M. P. for Stroude, whe, on his marriage in 1821, assumed the arms and name of Scrope by sign manual, and until his accession to office in 1830 was connected with the well known mercantile ditty, which produced roars of faughter from his comrades. I was spared, as they said I might wish to keep my voice for the "juge" to morrow. At length, when were and song had carried us far towards morning, the corporal proposed that we should all go to rest. The peasant, on this proposed a bumper to "the good cause," and hringing a large measure on the table, filled a large goblet for each, and handed is round. As I put out my hand to receive the one intended for me, he stumbled, and the floor received the whole. At this moment the thought struck me that I had seen the face before, but it was so begrimed with

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a Lot of 50 Acres on the following conditions .-Ist.-They are to make application to the Emigrant Agent, at Quebee, or to the resident Agent, whenever they shall be ready to become resident, on the tract to

they shall be ready to become resident, on the tract to be granted. 2nd.—Upon giving a satisfactory account of their means of providing for themselves until a Crop can be raised from the ground, they will receive a Ticket from the Emigrant Agent entitling them to locate the land. 3rdly.—Upon application to the resident Agent in the first place, he will forward a statement to the Emigrant Agent, of the applicant's age, family, and means of set-lement, upon which, it approved, authority for location will issue. Athly.—The Tickets issued will be useless to any but

will issue. 4thly.—The Tickets issued will be useless to any but the applicants, and unless presented to the resident Agent within one month from the date, they will not be received by him. Any person who shall receive a Ticket, and who shall not proceed to the Settlement within one month, or who, having been placed upon land there, shall abandon it, will be considered as having lost all claim to receive land.

bibly.—Settlers will be required to clear and place onse under Crop, one third of the land located, and to reside on the land until this settlement duty is performed, and after one third of the grant shall have been cleared and under crop, the Settler shall be entitled to his Pa-

and under crop, the Settler shall be entitled to his Pa-tent, free of expense. 6thly.—The Settlemant duty is required to be done within four years from the date of the Ticket. 7thly.—Settlers who are under the necessity of being temporarily absent from their Locations, will apply to the resident Agent. stating the length of their intended absence, and the reason for it, which will be entered on the Agent's Book if the reason for absence seems suff-cient, and any person who shall absent himself without being permitted to do so by the Agent, or who shall remain away from the Settlement, for a longer time than such permission shall authorize, will be considered as having forfeited his location. 8thly.—An assignment, or attempt to assign any Ticket or Location, will also be considered as a offei-ture of all right in the Locatee or Assignee ; or if it

ture of all right in the Locatee or Assignee ; or if it shall appear that the Locatee has previously obtained a Grant of Land from Government, his new Location shall be forfeited.

9thly.-In all cases of abaudonment of Location, the located land will immediately be considered open for new location or sale.

new location or sale. 10thly.—As it is not the intention of the Government to offer the Settlers any assistance, further than the free grant of land, applicants are specially desired to consi-der for themselves whether or not, they have the means of maintaining themselves and their families until Crops

can be raised from the ground. Mr. C. TASCHEREAU, the Agent for the Settle-ment of the Kennebec Road, or Mr. BUCHANAN, Agent for Emigrants at Quebee, will furnish any further information which may be required. THOS. C. MURDOCH,

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Chief Secretary.

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