

NORFOLK, August 20.

Captain Poythress, from Lisbon, whose arrival we mentioned in our last, politely handed us papers of that city to the 27th of June, the day before he sailed. The gentleman who has repeatedly obliged us with translations, says that their contents are uninteresting, being mostly taken up with accounts of trifling skirmishes in different parts of Spain among the armed peasantry and detachments of French troops who are constantly "annoyed and cut to pieces by these brave mountaineers."—That Ciudad Roderigo still held out, notwithstanding its being invested by 40,000 French troops, and that on the 20th of June the brave garrison made a sortie in which they killed upwards of 1000 of the besiegers.

Capt. P. informs, that the advanced guards of the English and French armies were in sight of each other for some weeks before he sailed, and that the general belief in Lisbon was, that the British did not purpose to attack but to act on the defensive; the French appeared nowise desirous of commencing the fight—that deserters from the French army were daily coming in who were in general half starved and ragged. Provisions very scarce in Lisbon—*Flour* 17 dollars—*Corn* 3 dollars 50 cents a 4: