

I am referred to in explanation but as Major General Clinton's  
Despatch is I suppose, full on every head, it will be  
unnecessary for me to anticipate questions from Rear  
Admiral Legge - but mention briefly to you, that  
there is great cause of complaint, and just ground  
of suspicion against the Spanish Governor of Alicante,  
and it seems quite necessary for the safety and  
harmony of the British Forces there, that he should  
be instantaneously removed from his situation of  
Command. — — — He has denied the entrance  
of any British force whatever into the castle, and  
he has arbitrarily and unlawfully imprisoned the  
Junta, and put under arrest his superior Officer  
the Lieutenant General of the Province - knowing the  
severity of punishment these acts lay him liable to,  
it is but fair to conclude that he looks for security  
to the Common Enemy - and that in order to insure  
it, will turn the Guns of the Castle against the  
British forces in the Town, in the event of their  
being attacked by the French.

This seems to be the Common  
feeling, and the conclusion that his hostile and  
extraordinary conduct has forced upon the minds  
of the British Officers in Command.

I have the honor to be de  
Commodore Penrose  
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(Signed) Mas Smith

Cádiz 10<sup>th</sup> November 1812.

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before