

Richmond Dispatch

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 11, 1861

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The Duke of Wellington's defense of Portugal depended on the same principle. His army of operation was inferior. His army was distributed in such a manner that it could all be rallied on any one point in sixty hours.

The Polish General, Skrznecki, gained all his victories in the Polish Revolution of 1831 by means of interior lines. It is highly probable that, had he pursued his advantages as he should have done, he would have annihilated the whole Russian army.

The interior line, it thus appears, is the best way to combat superior numbers, advancing from different points, by enabling the whole force of the weaker party, or at least the larger portion of it, to concentrate against the forces of the enemy while still divided, and preventing their ever coming together.

These considerations will be fully appreciated by the loyal people of the South, whose country may for a season be occupied by the enemy. We have no fear that their interests with the invaders will have any other effect than to animate and intensify their patriotism.

Plans of Gen. McClellan. There are many who doubt whether McClellan's demonstrations by the Peninsula is a feint or earnest, and others who conjecture that he intends to move upon us from both that and another direction.

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Business and Miscellaneous

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