

In the course of this day (25th) the enemy attacked all the corps that had passed the Thur. He drove back Lieutenant General Nauendorff's advanced posts from Nefelbach, and obliged them to repass the river at Andelfingen.

Lieutenant General Petrarfch's corps was attacked just as it arrived on the heights behind Frauenfeld; the affair lasted the whole day, and in the evening the enemy succeeded in obliging Lieutenant General Petrarfch to retreat, and to take a position about half way between Frauenfeld and Wyll. During this affair the enemy had pushed forward a column to the Bridge of Pfin, with a view of covering the left flank of the corps that was engaged with Gen. Petrarfch. The advanced guard of General Hotze's left was also attacked, but it repulsed the enemy, and drove him as far as Elgg; in consequence, however, of the retreat of General Petrarfch's corps, it was also ordered to fall back.

Early in the morning of the 26th, a column of the Archduke's army under Lieutenant General Prince Reufs, arrived at Pfin, and in the course of the day encamped near Frauenfeld, where it was joined in the evening by Lieutenant General Petrarfch's corps. — In the night from the 26th to the 27th, General Hotze's and Prince Reufs's columns advanced in connection with each other, to attack the enemy's position near Winterthur. The manoeuvre was executed with great precision, and the attack was made soon after daylight of the 27th, with much regularity and in a very military manner. The enemy was driven from his position, but the ground being extremely favourable, and much intersected with wood, he effected his retreat in tolerable order, and took post behind the Trefs, where he remained till the evening; the bridge over the Thur at Andelfingen had been destroyed on the 25th, and an unfortunate delay in the construction of the Pontoon bridge in the night from the 26th to the 27th prevented the Archduke's right wing (under Lieutenant-General Nauendorff) arriving in time to take part in the affair of this day, which otherwise might have been more decisive.

The banks of the Trefs are so steep that it affords an excellent position; but Massena did not think proper to make any further attempt to defend it. — He therefore retreated, and took post behind the Glat; to which he was induced not only by the affair of Winterthur, but perhaps also by the march of General Nauendorff's column towards his left flank. The advanced posts of the two armies are now separated by the Glat, and the enemy has an entrenched camp, said to be advantageous, about a league on this side of Zurich; but I have no doubt of his soon being obliged to abandon it. He has retired from Raperfweil, and destroyed the bridge.

Colonel Rovorea, with the Swiss corps, is at Notre Dame d'Einfielden, in the Canton of Schweitz: he has been joined by some of the inhabitants, and is supported by an Austrian corps under Colonel Gavi-fini.

Official accounts have been this day received of part of General Bellegarde's corps having passed the St Gothard.

I have the honour to be, &c.

ROBERT CRAUFURD.

WESTMINSTER, JUNE 13. 1799.

This day the Lords being met, and the Commons attending, the Royal Assent was given by Commission to the following bills: —

An act to continue till the 5th of July 1799, the act for permitting the issue of small notes, by the banks and certain

banking companies in Scotland. A similar act for England. An act to extend the bail to be given in cases of criminal information in Scotland. An act to continue till the 25th of March 1802, several acts relating to the transportation of felons and other offenders, and to authorize their removal to temporary places of confinement in England or Scotland. An act to continue till the 25th of March 1804, an act of the 23d of the King, for rendering the payment of creditors more equal and expeditious in Scotland. An act to explain and amend the laws relative to colliers in Scotland. An act for encouraging the improvement of lands subject to the servitude of thirlage in Scotland. An act to amend two acts of his present Majesty for enlarging and improving the harbour of Leith. An act for continuing for 38 years, the duty of two pennies on every pint of ale or beer sold in the city of Glasgow and village of Gorbals, and in the towns of Port Glasgow and Newark. An act for building a bridge over the Tweed at Kelfo. An act for repairing the road from Livingstone to Glasgow, and for repairing certain roads in the counties of Angus and Perth. An act for granting an annuity to Sir James Marriott, late Judge of the Admiralty. An act to permit certain East India goods to be warehoused, and to regulate the duties thereon. An act to indemnify West India Governors who have permitted the importation and exportation of goods in foreign bottoms. An act to render perpetual an act of the 33d of the King, for the relief of insolvent debtors. An act to repeal certain parts of an act of the 2d of James I. relative to tanners, &c. and to indemnify persons who may have incurred penalties under the said act; and a number of private acts.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, JUNE 15. 1799.

Extract of a letter from Admiral the Earl of St Vincent, K.B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Mediterranean, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated Gibraltar, April 27. 1799.

SIR,

Herewith I transmit you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the copy of a letter from the Right Hon. Lord Mark Robert Kerr, Captain of his Majesty's ship Cormorant, to Rear-Admiral Duckworth, giving an account of the capture of a Spanish corvette. ST VINCENT.

SIR,

Thursday, 19th March 1799, Colombrettes, W.N.W. 7 leagues.

I have the honour to acquaint you, that having parted company with his Majesty's ship Centaur on the 16th inst. in chase of a Spanish frigate, I proceeded to the rendezvous; and, on the 19th, perceiving a brig to leeward, I gave chase, and after four hours brought her to.

She proved to be a Spanish brig of war, named El Vincelo, mounting eighteen six-pounders on her gun-deck, and six brass four-pounders on her quarter-deck, and two on her fore-castle, and having 144 men on board. During her chase she threw six of her six-pounders overboard.

I have the honour to be, &c.

M. R. KERR.

J. T. Duckworth, Commodore, &c.

Copy of a letter from Admiral Kingmill, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels at Cork, to Evan Nepean, Esq. dated on board the Polyphemus, Cork harbour, June 8.

Please to lay before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the inclosed letter which I have received from Captain Twysden, of his Majesty's ship La Revolutionnaire, informing me of his having captured Le Victoire French brig privateer, from Bayonne. This prize arrived here yesterday, was captured in lat. 48. deg. 30. min. and 19. deg. longitude west, and left La Revolutionnaire, going in quest of a large ship privateer, which she had gained information of.

SIR,

His Majesty's ship Revolutionnaire, at sea, 30th May, 1799.

I have the honour to inform you, that this evening, after a chase of eight hours, his Majesty's ship, under my command captured L'Victoire French brig,