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THE Dispatches, of which the following are Copies, were Yesterday received at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

S I R, *Estreux, August 6, 1793.*

I HAVE the Honor to inclose you a List of the Garrison of Valenciennes, as it stood at the End of the Siege, with that of the Stores which were taken in the Town. It was computed that between 6 and 7,000 Men marched out of the Place, the rest being sick or wounded, Part of which remained in the Hospitals, and Part followed in Waggon. The Garrison was escorted to the first advanced Posts of the Enemy. Accounts have been since received of their having retired to different Parts of the Country.

I had the Opportunity of mentioning to you, in a former Letter, that the Conduct of the Troops under the more immediate Command of His Royal Highness had been such as to merit the highest Commendation; and it would be unjust not to observe,

that equal Praise is due to those of His Imperial Majesty.

These were commanded by General Count de Ferraris, an Officer of distinguished Abilities, of which he furnished ample Proofs upon this Occasion.

The Siege was conducted with great Skill and Science by Colonel Fromm, Chief Engineer. The Artillery was under the Command of General Unterberger, and appears to have been perfectly well directed, by its Effect upon the Enemy's Works, and the Number of Guns which were found dismounted upon the Ramparts.

Just as the Army arrived upon its Ground, a Party of the Enemy, coming, as it is supposed, from Bouchain, attacked an advanced Party of Hanoverians. They were driven back, with some Loss, by Six Squadrons of Hanoverian Cavalry. His Royal Highness Prince Ernest was personally engaged, and distinguished himself upon this Occasion.

I am, &c.

J. A. MURRAY.

*Right Hon. Henry Dundas,
Sec. Sec. Sec.*

State of the French Troops which formed the Garrison of Valenciennes at the Time of its Surrender, from their Lists.

Officers	—	—	—	—	—	451
From Serjeants downwards	—	—	—	—	—	9,260
						<u>9,711</u>

Ordnance and Ammunition found in the Town and Citadel of Valenciennes.

CANNONS:				AMMUNITION.			
24 Pounders	—	—	32	24 Pounders	—	—	Balls- 10,000
16 Ditto	—	—	27	16 Ditto	—	—	13,000
12 Ditto	—	—	41	12 Ditto	—	—	24,500
8 Ditto	—	—	10	8 Ditto	—	—	4,100
4 Ditto	—	—	20	4 Ditto	—	—	9,000
			<u>Total</u>				<u>Total</u>
			130				60,600
MORTARS.				SHELLS.			
18 Inch	—	—	2	18 Inch	—	—	1,015
12 Ditto	—	—	7	12 Ditto	—	—	5,500
10 Ditto	—	—	4	10 Ditto	—	—	190
8 Ditto	—	—	22				
Stone Mortars	—	—	8				
			<u>Total</u>				<u>Total</u>
			43				6,705
HOWITZERS.				HOWITZER SHELLS.			
8 Inch	—	—	7	8 Inch	—	—	750
6 Ditto	—	—	4	7 Ditto	—	—	300
			<u>Total</u>	6 Ditto	—	—	300
			11				
							<u>Total</u>
							1,350
<u>Total of Cannon, Mortars and Howitzers</u>				<u>Total of Ammunition</u>			
184				68,655			

Raw Powder 2,804 Cwt. besides some made-up Ammunition.
Mufquets 3,446

N. B. In these 3,446 Mufquets, those taken from the French Garrison, when it marched out, are not included.

(Signed)

FERRARIS, General.

Bourlon, near Cambrai, August 9, 1793.

S I R,

I Have the Honor to inform you that the Enemy have been driven from the Camp which they occupied behind the Scheldt, and obliged to fall back with Precipitation upon Arras, the only Retreat which was left them. The Front of this Camp, which has been commonly called the *Camp de César*, was covered by the Scheldt, its Left by the Censé, both of them strengthened by Inundations and protected by Works, and its Right by the Fortrefs of Cambrai; behind this lie the Wood and Heights of Bourlon, which were likewise fortified with the utmost Care. The British Troops, Seven Battalions and Six Squadrons of Hanoverians, Two Battalions and Five Squadrons of Hessians, and Four Battalions and Ten Squadrons of Austrians, marched from their respective Camps

the Morning of the 6th, and joined the same Evening in a Camp near St. Aubert, under the Command of His Royal Highness. This Body marched the following Morning, in One Column, by the Villages of St. Hilaire, Bouffiere and Wambaix, and forming afterwards into Two, crossed the Scheldt at Creveleour and Manieres. During the March a Body of Cavalry appeared upon the Right Flank towards Cambrai, but they were driven back in great Confusion by the Appearance of some Cavalry destined to attack them, and a few Shot from the Austrian Light Artillery.

The Troops had been Eleven Hours upon their March when they reached Manieres, and the Heat was extreme; it was consequently impossible to proceed any further, and a Camp was taken upon the adjoining Heights.

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In the Evening, just after the 15th Light Dragoons had been watering their Horses, Lieutenant-Colonel Churchill observed a Squadron of French Cavalry at a small Distance; he immediately took One Squadron, which happened to be in Readiness, leaving Orders for the other to follow, and charged them with so much Vigour and Success, that, besides killing several, he took Two Officers, 44 Privates, and 60 Horses. Sir Robert Lawrie advanced with the 16th Regiment to the Support of the 15th.

Upon the same Day a Column of the Austrians, under the Command of General Clairfayt, advanced upon Youy and Thun L'Eveque, possessing themselves, with little Opposition, of all the Posts upon the Right of the Scheldt. A Third Column, under General Colloredo, marched upon Navres, to be in Readiness to co-operate with either of the former, as Circumstances might direct.

His Royal Highness put his Corps again in Motion upon the Morning of the 8th, having divided it into Three Columns, directed upon the Villages of Graincourt, Anneux and Cantain, with the Intention of attacking the Enemy upon the Heights of Bourlon; but it was discovered that they had gone off in the Night: And, as there was Reason to believe that the Army behind the Scheldt had done the same, His Royal Highness took the Whole of the Cavalry (Two Squadrons of the Greys, and the Austrian Regiment de la Tour, excepted) and went in Pursuit. He fell in with the Rear Guard at the Village of Murguion, where Two Pieces of Cannon, the Artillery Men belonging to them, and several other Prisoners, were taken by the 11th Light Dragoons and the Hussars of Barco. The Enemy in their Retreat set Fire to the Village, which occasioned a considerable Delay, there being no other Passage than the Bridge across the Rivulet upon which it stands. This Obstacle was at last overcome, and the Enemy were followed to the next Defile, by the Village of Villers. A large Body of Cavalry, appearing to be betwixt 3

and 4,000 Men, with some Battalions of Infantry, and Eight Pieces of Cannon, were seen upon the opposite Heights. They continued their Retreat; and, as no Advantage seemed likely to accrue from further Pursuit, the Troops, after halting there some Time, returned to the Camp, which had been proposed to be taken, near Bourlon. Several Waggon were taken upon this and the former Day.

General Clairfayt crossed the Scheldt at Daybreak, when he found the Enemy's Camp entirely abandoned.

Lieutenant-General Avinsky, who commanded a smaller Column upon the Right, fell in with a Post near Hordaing, killed several of them, and took 30 Prisoners.

The Loss of the Combined Army has been very inconsiderable. I inclose that of the Light Dragoons, the only Troops under the immediate Command of His Royal Highness, who have suffered at all.

It is difficult to ascertain the Loss of the Enemy: They have suffered upon several Occasions. There are about 150 Prisoners, and a great many Deserters.

Return of the Killed, Wounded and Missing of the Brigade of Light Dragoons, commanded by Major-General Dundas, on the 8th Instant.

Camp at Bourlon, August 9, 1793.

11th Light Dragoons. 1 Private killed; 1 Horse wounded.
 15th Ditto. 1 Private wounded.
 16th Ditto. 2 Privates killed, 6 Ditto missing; 1 Horse killed, 1 Ditto wounded, 4 Ditto missing.
 Total. 3 Privates killed, 1 Ditto wounded, 6 Ditto missing; 1 Horse killed, 2 Ditto wounded, 4 Ditto missing.
 15th Light Dragoons, 1 Horse missing and 2 Men wounded on the 7th Instant.
 16th Light Dragoons, 1 Man and Horse missing on the same Day.

R. DUNDAS, Major-General.

*Right Hon. Henry Dundas,
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