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Whitehall, August 22.

LATE last Night one of His Majesty's Messengers arrived with a Dispatch from Colonel Sir James Murray, Adjutant-General to the Forces under the Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, to Mr. Secretary Dundas, of which the following is a Copy.

SIR, *Menin, August 19, 1793.*

IHAVE the Honor to inform you, that the Army marched from Turcoing, upon the Morning of the 18th, to a Camp near this Town. The Hereditary Prince of Orange made an Attack the same Day upon the French Posts of Mauvaix, Blaton, and Lincelles. This was in some Degree advantageous to the Operations of His Royal Highness, as it

served to cover his March, and to keep the Enemy in a State of Uncertainty in regard to his Designs.

The former of these Attacks miscarried; in the latter his Serene Highness succeeded without much Loss. About One o'Clock in the Afternoon, the Enemy, in their Turn, attacked the Post of Lincelles, and, as it afterwards appeared, in great Force. The Prince of Orange, who had made large Detachments from his Camp for these different Enterprizes, requested of His Royal Highness to send Three Battalions to the Support of his Troops. The Three nearest Battalions, which happened to be those of the First, Coldstream, and Third Regiments of Guards, were accordingly ordered to march, under the Command of Major-General Lake, for that Purpose. Upon their

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their Arrival at Lincelles, they found the Post in the Possession of the Enemy. The Dutch Troops, having been forced to abandon it, had retreated by a Road different from that by which the British had advanced. To have fallen back in this Situation must have presented the Enemy, evidently superior in Numbers, an Opportunity of entirely defeating the Detachment. General Lake embraced a Resolution worthier of the Troops which he commanded, and which has been attended with Glory and Success. He determined upon an immediate Attack.

The Enemy occupied a Redoubt of uncommon Size and Strength upon a Height adjoining to the high Road, in Front of the Village of Lincelles. The Road itself was defended by other Works strongly palisadoed; Woods and Ditches covered their Flanks. The Battalions were instantly formed, and advanced under a very heavy Fire, with an Order and Intrepidity for which no Praise can be too high. After firing Three or Four Rounds, they rushed on with their Bayonets, stormed the Redoubt, and drove the Enemy through the Village. At the End of the Village the latter rallied, under the Protection of other Troops, and kept up, for some Time, a severe Fire: But they were again defeated, and so entirely put to the Rout, that they have not since appeared in that Quarter. They lost Eleven Pieces of Cannon, Two of which had been before taken from the Dutch. There are about 50 Prisoners: The Number of Killed and Wounded cannot be ascertained with any Precision; it is calculated at between 2 and 300 Men. By the concurring Testimony of these Prisoners, the Enemy had 12 Battalions upon the Post, and must have been upwards of 5000 Men.

I am sorry to add, that such Difficulties could not be overcome without considerable Loss. The Fall of Two gallant Officers, and the brave Men who have suffered upon this Occasion, must be Matter of Regret. It can only be imputed to the Ability of Major-General Lake, and the extraordinary Valour of the Officers and Men, that the Loss has not been still greater. The Conduct of Colonel Grinfield, Colonel Hulse and Colonel Pennington, have reflected Honor upon themselves, and merited His Royal Highness's warmest Approbation. Equal Praise is due to Major Wright, and the Officers and Men of the Royal Artillery attached to the Battalions.

As soon as the Retreat of the Dutch Troops was known, several Battalions were ordered from Camp to support the Guards. They arrived after the Action was at an End; but remained to strengthen the Post (which the Dutch had by this Time re-occupied) during the Night. They returned to Camp this Morning. The French made an Attack this Day upon the Dutch Post at Roubaix, in which they have been repulsed with considerable Loss.

The Works of Lincelles have been destroyed, and the Post left unoccupied.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JA. MURRAY.

Return of the Number of Rank and File of the Three Battalions of Foot Guards, under the Command of Major-General Lake, who engaged the French on the 18th of August, 1793.

First Regiment	-	-	378
Coldstream	-	-	345
Third Regiment	-	-	398
Total	-	-	<u>1122</u>

Return of the Killed and Wounded of the Three Battalions of Foot Guards, with the Artillery attached to it, under the Command of Major-General Lake, on the 18th of August, 1793.

First Regiment. 2 Serjeants, 19 Rank and File, killed; 2 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 2 Serjeants, 42 Rank and File, wounded.

Coldstream. 1 Captain, 8 Rank and File, killed; 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 2 Serjeants, 43 Rank and File, wounded.

Third Regiment. 1 Drummer, 7 Rank and File, killed; 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 2 Serjeants, 43 Rank and File, wounded.

Royal Artillery. 1 Lieutenant, 1 Rank and File, killed; 3 Rank and File wounded.

Names of Officers killed and wounded.

First Regiment. Colonel D'Oyley, Colonel Evans, Captain Archer, Captain Brittow, Captain Whetham, wounded.

Coldstream. Lieutenant-Colonel Bosville killed; Lieutenant-Colonel Gascoyne, Ensign Bayley, wounded.

Third Regiment. Captain Cunynghame wounded. Royal Artillery. Lieutenant De Peyster killed.

J. A. MURRAY, Adjutant-General.

Return of Ordnance, Ammunition, Stores, and Horses taken from the French, on the Night of the 18th of August, 1793.

Nature of Ordnance, &c.			
Nine-pounders	-	-	2
Six-pounders	-	-	7
Tumbrel Waggon	-	-	6
Round Shot, Nine-pounders			189
Cafe Shot, Nine-pounders			75
Round Shot, Six-pounders			323
Cafe Shot, Six-pounders	-	-	118
Musquet Cartridges	-	-	9378
Flints	-	-	1296
Portfires	-	-	93
Tubes	-	-	1087
Horses	-	-	37

WM. CONGREVE, Major of Artillery.

Turin, July 31.

On the 29th Instant the French renewed their Attempts to dislodge the Sardinian Troops from the Posts of L'Auchion and the Col de Raus. They marched at Break of Day, in Three Columns, against both the Sardinian Camps, after a brisk Cannonade from their Batteries on the Heights, but without Effect. The French were repulsed on all Sides, and compleatly defeated, and were pursued by several Detachments of the Sardinian Troops quite to their Intrenchments at Belvedere. The Action lasted Five Hours at Auchion, and Seven on the Side of Raus. The Loss of the French amounted to 500 Men killed. Of the King's Troops only a few were wounded, and none killed.

Brussels, August 18.

Accounts have been received here, that Yesterday Prince Hohenloe gained a considerable Advantage over the French, and completely drove them from their Posts in the Forest of Mormal. The French lost on this Occasion near 500 Men killed and wounded, and 200 Prisoners: Their Commander was among the former, and Two Colonels, with several other Officers of Rank, were amongst the latter. The Loss of the Austrians did not exceed 60 Men killed and wounded. The Austrians have taken Possession of Berlamont, Jolimetz, Loquignol, and Heck, and are preparing for the immediate Siege of Le Quesnoy.

