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*Whitehall, August 28.*

**T**HE following Dispatch was this Morning received from Colonel Sir James Murray, Adjutant-General to the Forces under the Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

*Lefferinck's Hocke, August 26, 1793.*

S I R,

**I** Have the Honor to inform you, that His Royal Highness intended upon the 24th to attack the Enemy, who were still posted at some Distance from Dunkirk, in order to get Possession of the Ground which it was necessary to occupy previous to the Siege. They hastened the Execution of his Design by attacking the Out-Posts between the Canal of Furnes and the Sea. Lieutenant-General Dalton advanced with the Reserve, which was encamped upon that Side, to their Sup-

port. The Enemy were repulsed, and driven, with Loss, into the Town. One Piece of Cannon and a few Prisoners were taken. The Ardour of the Troops carried them further in the Pursuit than was intended, so that they came under the Cannon of the Place, by which Means a considerable Loss has been sustained. This was likelier to happen, and more difficult to be prevented, from the Nature of the Country, which is covered with Trees and strong Enclosures.

Lieutenant-General Dalton was killed with a Cannon Shot towards the Conclusion of the Attack. The Loss of this excellent Officer must be severely felt. The Courage and Ability, which he has displayed in the Course of many Campaigns, raised him to the highest Rank of Estimation in the Army in which he served.

His Royal Highness has likewise to lament that of Colonel Eld, of the Coldstream Regiment, and of other valuable Men.

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Men. The Troops behaved with their usual Courage. The Two British Battalions which were engaged were commanded by Colonel Leigh and Major Mathews, and the Grenadier Battalion of the Hessians by Lieutenant-Colonel Wurmb. His Royal Highness is particularly sensible of the Exertions of Major-General Abercromby and Major-General Verneck, who were with the Advanced Guard, as likewise of those of Lieutenant-General Wurmb.

The Army have taken up the Ground which His Royal Highness intended they should occupy: The advanced Posts within a short Distance of the Town.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

JA. MURRAY.

P. S. In the Hurry of making up the last Dispatch, the Names of the Two Posts taken by Field-Marshal Freytag, and of the Bridge, could not be inserted. Those of the former are Warmarthe and Eekelsbech, and the latter Lefferinck's Hocke.

The Return of the Austrian Killed and Wounded has not yet been received, but is supposed to be about 170 Men.

Right Hon. Henry Dundas,

&c. &c. &c.

*Return of the Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the British and Hessian Troops, in the Action of the 24th of August, 1793.*

#### BRITISH.

Flank Battalion Foot Guards. 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 8 Rank and File, killed; 1 Lieutenant, 25 Rank and File, wounded.

Flank Battalion Infantry. 5 Rank and File killed, 25 Ditto wounded, 1 Ditto missing.

Royal Artillery. 3 Rank and File killed; 1 Lieutenant, 7 Rank and File, wounded.

Total. 1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, 16 Rank and File, killed; 2 Lieutenants, 57 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Ditto missing.

#### HESSIANS.

1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 13 Rank and File, killed; 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 2 Lieutenants, 36 Rank and File, wounded.

*Names of Officers killed and wounded.*

First Regiment Foot Guards. Captain Williams, wounded.

Coldstream. Lieutenant-Colonel Eld, killed.

Royal Artillery. Lieutenant Wilson, wounded.

J. S. LEGER, Dep. Adj. Gen.