

*Whitehall, September 21.*

THIS Morning one of His Majesty's Messengers arrived at the Office of the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, with Dispatches from the Earl of Elgin, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Brussels, of which the following is an Extract.

*St. Amand, September 16, 1793.*

I Have the Honor of enclosing to your Lordship the Report of the Recapture of Menin, as sent in by General Beaulieu to Prince Cobourg.

*September 15, 1793.*

THIS Morning the French, to the Number of Twelve or Fourteen Thousand Men, advanced from Wevelghem to Bisseghem, where they attacked the Advanced Posts on the Left of General Beaulieu's Army. The Attack was brisk, and would have completely succeeded on the Side of the French, if General Beaulieu had not sent speedy and successive Reinforcements to the Post of Bisseghem. The French had then Recourse to their numerous Artillery, in order to dislodge the Austrians from their Position behind the Länderbeg; and they would have been successful there, if they had not suddenly found their Left turned by a Body of Austrian Infantry, headed by Captain Malkisham, of the Regiment of Beaulieu, who attacked them with Cannon on the Left Flank, and also in the Rear. This Movement of the Austrians on the Left Flank of the French had such an Effect upon the latter, that they began to give Way. General Beaulieu then availing himself of this Circumstance, charged them in Front, and put them totally to Flight. They retreated towards Menin. General Beaulieu having collected his Cavalry, which had routed the French, waited for Reports from his Right, in order to be assured that he might pursue the Enemy without Interruption. The Reports arrived about One o'Clock, P. M. In consequence, General Beaulieu, without a Moment's Hesitation, marched towards Menin; the rather as he had learnt that General Ehrbach, with Four Battalions and Eight Squadrons, was on his March from Roulaer. In the Pursuit General Beaulieu's Advanced Guard had several Skirmishes, in which it had constantly the Advantage, repelling the Enemy quite to the Gates of Menin. At Four in the Afternoon General Beaulieu arrived with his whole Corps under the Walls of that Town, and attacked the French with Cannon; at the same Time he assaulted the Ramparts near the Gate of Roulaer, when the French, without any further Resistance, totally abandoned the Place, and passed the Lys with Precipitation, leaving at the Bridge only a weak Rear-Guard, which was entirely killed or taken by the Austrian Troops, who entered at the Gate of Courtray. In this Interval General Ehrbach arrived with his Corps, and immediately passed the Lys. Two English Squadrons joined the Austrian Hussars in the Pursuit of the French, who retreated towards Roulaer. In this Action we lost about One Hundred Men, killed or wounded. The Loss of the French is between Four and Five Hundred Men. We are not able at present to compute the Number of Prisoners. At the Departure of the Messenger, who brought this agreeable Intelligence, about 150 were arrived in the Square of Menin, together with Two Pieces of Cannon, and Eighteen Ammunition Waggon.

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THE following Dispatch from Colonel Sir James Murray, Adjutant General to the Forces under the Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, was this Afternoon received at the Office of the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

*Menin, September 17, 1793.*

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I HAD the Honor of informing you, that upon the Retreat of the Dutch Troops from Menin, His Royal Highness intended to march upon Thourout, in order to oppose the further Progress of the Enemy, and to act in Conjunction with General Beaulieu, who commanded a Corps of Austrians near Courtray.

This March was executed upon the 14th. Lieutenant-General Erbach, with Two Battalions of Austrians and Two of Hessian Infantry, and Four Squadrons of British Cavalry, under the Command of Major-General Harcourt, was ordered to advance the same Day to Roufelaire. Upon the 15th the Main Body of the Army advanced to Roufelaire, and Lieutenant-General Erbach's Corps to Ledeghem, it being His Royal Highness's Intention to attack the Enemy, and force them to repass the Lys. Information was received at Roufelaire of the Prince of Cobourg's being in March towards Lille with a large Body of Troops, which His Serene Highness had put in Motion, as soon as he had learnt that Menin was evacuated.

During the March of the Army, the Enemy had attacked General Beaulieu's Advanced Posts; Eight Battalions were sent to his Support; but the Enemy had been repulsed before their Arrival.

This appears to have been only intended to cover their Retreat, as they had begun to evacuate Menin early in the Morning. In the Course of the Day they entirely abandoned that important Post, which was taken Possession of in the Evening by Lieutenant-General Erbach. Yesterday the Army marched again: A Camp was taken near Menin, and the advanced Posts pushed on to Werwick, which the Enemy had likewise abandoned, so that by these Movements Austrian Flanders has been protected, and this Part of it recovered.

I have the Honor, &c.

J. A. MURRAY.

*Admiralty Office, September 21.*

A Letter hath this Day been received from Vice-Admiral Lord Hood, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, to Mr. Stephens, dated on board the Victory, in the Outer Road of Toulon, the 1st Instant, of which the following is an Extract.

Yesterday Afternoon a Part of Carteaux's Army, consisting of 750 Men, approached near Toulon. Captain Elphinstone, whom I had appointed Governor of the Great Fort of Malgué and its Dependencies, marched out, at the Head of 600 Troops, and put it to the Rout, took Four Pieces of Cannon, their Ammunition, &c.

Herewith I have the Honor to send you Governor Elphinstone's Letter; and most exceedingly lament the Loss of a very excellent Officer, Major Douglas, whom I had appointed Fort-Major, and whose Zeal for going out with the Troops could not be restrained. The Ball entered his Breast, and was extracted at the Shoulder Blade. He died last Night.

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