

The Enemy likewise attacked the Troops posted at the Camp of Cisoing upon the 21st, 22d and 23d; but they were repulsed each Day with Loss; having had upon the 22d near 400 Men killed and taken. The Inniskilling's and the 16th Regiment of Light Dragoons behaved with great Spirit upon this Occasion. The Attacks of the Enemy were chiefly directed against the Posts of Nomain upon the Left, and Willem upon the Right, of both of which they at different Times gained Possession, but were again driven from them by Reinforcements sent from the Camp.

This Day the Enemy attacked the Post of Major-General Kray, at Orchies. No further Particulars are at present known, than that they have been repulsed with the Loss of Five Pieces of Cannon.

*Extract of a Letter from Sir James Murray, dated Tournai, October 25, 1793.*

ACCOUNTS have been received that the Enemy advanced upon the 22d upon Furnes, which was abandoned at their Approach. They then proceeded against Nieuport; but Recourse having been had to the Inundations, of which the Country near that Place is susceptible, they were obliged to retreat.

Lieutenant-General Wurmb, upon the Loss of Menin, left his Position by Dixmude and Fort Kuoocke, and is now posted at Thouroute, where he covers Bruges, and communicates with the Corps near Courtray.

It is His Royal Highness's Intention to attack the Enemy at Menin upon Monday next. General Walmoden will command the Troops employed upon this Service, which will be those under Lieutenant-General Wurmb, now at Thouroute, and the Corps which lately occupied the Camp at Menin. The rest of His Royal Highness's Forces will co-operate in different Ways towards this Attack; and should it be successful, there is Reason to hope that upon this Frontier every Thing may be re-established upon its former Footing.

*Whitehall, November 2.*

A Dispatch was last Night received from Sir James Murray, Adjutant-General to His Majesty's Forces under the Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, by the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, of which the following is a Copy.

*Campbin, October 29, 1793.*

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I Had the Honor of informing you, in my last Dispatch, of His Royal Highness's Intention to make every possible Effort for the Protection of Austrian Provinces, which seemed to be in imminent Danger from the Attempts of the Enemy upon the whole Frontier of that Province.

Consistent with this Intention His Royal Highness determined to attack the Enemy at Menin, upon the 28th Instant. General Walmoden, to whom the Execution of this Design was to be entrusted, went, upon the 26th, to Courtray, to take the Command of the Corps which had formerly occupied the Camp at Menin. Lieutenant-General Busche took the Command of that which had been posted at Mouscron, but which had fallen back to Warcoing. The Attack was to be made upon different Points by these Corps, in Conjunction with that of Lieutenant-General Wurmb, which lay at that Time in the Neighbourhood of Thouroute.

Upon the Morning of the 27th His Royal Highness marched with the Troops which were encamped before Tournay, to take up the Position he had formerly occupied between Baiffieux and Cysoing, and which had been left some Days before. Different Posts, which the Enemy had established upon the Marque, were driven back. A Piquet of Six Officers and 150 Men, which had been posted at the Village of Saingain, retreated across the Plain towards Lezennes; they had nearly reached the last mentioned Village when a Squadron of the 2d Dragoon Guards, led on by Major Craufurd, Aide de Camp to His Royal Highness, advancing with Rapidity, gained their Right Flank, and charged them with so much Vigour and Success that not a single Man escaped; 104 Prisoners were taken, and the rest killed upon the Spot. The Squadron of the 2d Dragoon Guards had only Two Men killed and One Man wounded. The other Squadron of the Queen's Dragoon Guards, Two Squadrons of the Royals, and a Division of Austrian Light Dragoons, came up in the Pursuit.

In the mean Time the Enemy had made Progress in another Part of the Country. They had attacked Nieuport, and passed, though only with a small Body, the Canal of Ypres at Shooreback. In consequence of this Lieutenant-General Wurmb had fallen back upon Ghistel; in order to cover Bruges and Ostend.

This Change of General Wurmb's Position rendered abortive the Plan which had been formed for the Attack of Menin upon the 28th. His Royal Highness therefore, still keeping that important Object in View, sent a Reinforcement of Three Battalions to Lieutenant-General Busche, who had by this Time advanced again with his Corps to Mouscron, and dislodged the Enemy from that Post, of which they had taken Possession; and it was determined that the Attack of Menin should be made on the 29th, by the Corps of General Walmoden and General Busche; the former advancing directly upon the Town of Menin, the latter upon the Right Bank of the Lys, against the Village and Heights of Hallouin.

In order to favour this Enterprize, by drawing the Attention of the Enemy to another Quarter, His Royal Highness sent, upon the Evening of the 28th, Two Battalions of Austrian Infantry, and

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