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

S I R, *Campbin, October 30, 1793.*

I HAVE the Honor to inform you of the Success of an Attack upon Marchiennes, which, by Order of His Royal Highness, took Place last Night.

Eight Battalions were put under the Command of Major-General Kray for this Enterprize. They marched at Midnight from Orchies in Three Columns, each Column headed by Two Officers and Sixty Volunteers, supported by Three Hundred Men. These were not permitted to load. The rest of the Troops of the different Columns, with their Cannon, followed at some Distance. A Detachment from the Corps of Major-General Otto, posted by Denain, marched about the same Time, formed in Four Columns in similar Order, that the Town might be attacked at once upon all Sides. The latter Troops were discovered by the Enemy's Out-Posts, and prevented from penetrating by the Opposition which they met with. Those under General Kray, One Column of which advanced upon the High Road from Orchies, and the Two others upon the Left of it, got, about Two o'Clock in the Morning, within a short Distance of the Town before they were perceived.

The Volunteers at the Head of the Column, which was upon the Road, fell in with a Piquet about Two Hundred Yards from the Gate, which they surprized, killed the greater Part of it, and pursued the rest so closely that they entered the Place along with them. The Troops in the Town made little Resistance. After being driven from the Market Place, where they had at first assembled, they retreated to a Convent near it. They there proposed Terms of Capitulation, which General Kray consented to, as they surrendered Prisoners of War, with the sole Condition of the Officers being permitted to wear their Swords.

There are Sixteen Hundred and Twenty-nine Prisoners, Officers included, most of them Troops of the Line. There are likewise Twelve Pieces of Cannon, and Twenty-two or Twenty-three Tumbrils taken. There are supposed to have been about Three Hundred of the Enemy killed. The Loss of Major-General Kray's Corps is between Seventy and Eighty killed and wounded. The Loss upon Major-General Otto's Side is unknown, but it is not imagined to be considerable.

I have the Honor to be,
with the greatest Respect;
S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
J A. MURRAY.

*Right Hon. Henry Dundas,
Sc. Sc. Sc.*