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*Whitchall, May 6.*

A Letter, of which the following is an Extract, dated St. Amand, May 2, 1794, was Yesterday received from His Royal Highness the Duke of York by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

IN consequence of the Emperor's Request, which I mentioned in my Letter of the 30th, I marched, at Twelve o'Clock the Night before last, with all the Troops under my Command, from the Camp near Cateau, and proceeded here, with Part of the Cavalry, Yesterday Evening; but, from the excessive Heat of the Day, and a severe Storm which lasted the whole Night, the Infantry was not able to arrive till this Morning.

I went over by Appointment To-Day to Tournay, to meet General Clairfayt, in order to consult with him upon the necessary Operations for compelling the Enemy to retire from Flanders, and had, at the same Time, an Opportunity to enquire more fully into the unfortunate Affair of the 29th.

General Clairfayt told me, that the Enemy had taken the Advantage of his Absence at Denain, to attack and carry the Post of Moucron, and consequently Courtray itself, which was incapable of Defence. That, with Regard to the Affair of the 29th, it had been his Intention to attack the Enemy, as soon as Six Battalions of Austrian Infantry, which

had been sent to him from the Emperor's Army, were arrived; but that the Enemy had been beforehand with him, and began themselves the Attack: That his Troops behaved with much Courage and Resolution, from Eight o'Clock in the Morning, when the Attack begun, till Four o'Clock in the Afternoon; but that, as soon as the Order was given to retreat, from the Intricacy of the Country, they fell into a Confusion, from which it was impossible ever to rally them.

I have not as yet received the Returns of the Loss upon this Occasion; but I fear it is pretty considerable.

The brave Garrison of Menin, under the Command of Major-General Hammerstein, after sustaining the Attack for Four Days, finding no Probability of Succour, gallantly determined to force their Way through the Enemy, which they effected without any great Loss, though continually harrassed in their March.

This Garrison consisted of Four Battalions of His Majesty's Hanoverian Troops, and Four Companies of the Loyal Emigrants.

I am sorry that, from some recent Changes in the Distribution of the Troops in Flanders, I have it not in my Power to name the Regiments which have distinguished themselves so much. They retired to Ingelmunster.

The Enemy has not as yet made any Attempt to penetrate into the Country.