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A Dispatch, of which the following is a Copy, was received this Afternoon 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.

S I R, *Tournay, May 23, 1794.*

I Have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, for His Majesty's Information, that Yesterday Morning the Enemy, having made an Attack upon the Combined Army under the Command of His Imperial Majesty, were repulsed, after a long and obstinate Engagement.

The Attack began at Five o'Clock, but did not appear to be serious till towards Nine, when the Whole Force of the Enemy (consisting, according to every Account, of upwards of One Hundred Thousand Men) was brought against the Right Wing, with the Intention of forcing, if possible, the Passage of the Scheldt, in order to invest Tournay.

At first they drove in the Out-Posts, and obliged General Busche's Corps, which was posted at Espierres, to fall back upon the Main Army; but upon Succour being sent, General Wallmoden, who, though very unwell, had retaken the Command of the Hanoverians, maintained his Position. The Enemy, by constantly bringing up fresh Troops, were enabled to continue the Attack, without Intermision, till Nine o'Clock at Night.

The Troops of the Right Wing being greatly fatigued, it became necessary to support them from my Wing; for which Purpose, besides Seven Austrian Battalions, I detached the Second Brigade of British, under the Command of Major-General Fox. Nothing could exceed the Spirit and Gallantry with which they conducted themselves, particularly in the Storm of the Village of Pontéchin, which they forced with the Bayonet. The Enemy immediately began to retreat, and during the Night withdrew all their Posts, and,

according to every Information, have fallen back upon Lille:

Seven Pieces of Cannon and about 500 Prisoners have fallen into our Hands, and the Enemy's Loss, in Killed and Wounded, is said to amount to little short of Twelve Thousand Men, which is by no Means improbable, as they were exposed to an incessant Fire of Cannon and Musquetry for upwards of Twelve Hours.

The Manner in which General Fox conducted the Brigade of British Infantry of the Line merits my warmest Approbation.

Inclosed I send the Returns of the Killed and Wounded of the British.

I am, &c. FREDERICK.

Return of Killed, Wounded and Missing on the 22d of May, 1794.

7th Light Dragoons. 1 Horse wounded.
 Artillery. 1 Serjeant killed; 7 Rank and File wounded.
 14th Foot. 1 Officer wounded; 1 Serjeant killed; 1 ditto wounded; 4 Rank and File killed; 28 ditto wounded, 5 ditto missing.
 37th Foot. 3 Officers and 5 Serjeants wounded; 1 Rank and File killed, 24 ditto wounded, 2 ditto missing.
 53d Foot. 3 Officers and 1 Serjeant wounded; 6 Rank and File killed, 23 ditto wounded, 12 ditto missing.
 Total. 7 Officers wounded; 2 Serjeants killed, 7 ditto wounded; 11 Rank and File killed, 77 ditto wounded, 19 ditto missing.—1 Horse wounded.

Officers wounded.

14th Regiment. Major of Brigade Cockran.
 37th Regiment. Captain Spread, Lieutenants Mitchell and M'Lean.
 53d Foot. Lieutenants Rogers and Robertson, and Ensign Pearce.

G. Craufurd, Dep. Adj. Gen.

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