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*Horſe-Guards, September 21.*

A Diſpatch, of which the following is a Copy, was this Morning received from His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*Head Quarters, at Grave,  
September 17, 1794.*

S I R,

IN my laſt Letter of the 13th Inſtant I acquainted you, for His Majeſty's Information, with a Report, which I had juſt received, of the Enemy's having made a Movement towards Ooſtervych. It appeared, however, by the Account of the next Day, that this Corps had fallen back in the Night. The ſame Accounts, confirmed by the Reports of Deſerters, aſſured us, that a very conſiderable Detachment, amounting to Fifteen Thouſand Men, had been made towards Maeſtricht.

On Sunday Afternoon a ſudden Attack, in which it appeared that the Enemy were in great Force, was made upon all my Poſts of the Right; and that of Boxtel, which was the moſt advanced, was forced, with conſiderable Loſs to the Heſſe Darmſtadt Troops, who occupied it.

As the Line of my Out-Poſts upon the Donnel could not be maintained, while the Enemy were in Poſſeſſion of Boxtel, it appeared neceſſary to regain it; at the ſame Time the Degree of Reſiſtance which the Enemy would make, would ſerve to aſcertain whether this Attack was ſupported by their Army, with a View to a general Attack, or was merely an Affair of Out-Poſts.

I therefore ordered Lieutenant-General Abercromby to march with the Reſerve during the Night, with Directions to reconnoitre the Poſt at Day-Light, and to act as he ſhould judge beſt, from what he ſhould diſcover of the Force of the Enemy.

Lieutenant-General Abercromby having advanced as directed, found the Enemy in ſuch Strength as left little Room to doubt of the Proximity of their Army, and he accordingly retired, but in ſuch good Order as prevented the Enemy from making any Impreſſion, although they followed him for ſome Diſtance.

About this Time I received private Information, upon which I could rely, and which was confirmed by the Obſervation of my Patroles, and the Reports of Deſerters, that the Enemy had been reinforced by the

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