

in my last Letter of the 29th Ult. General David Dundas, on the 30th, attacked the Enemy at Day-break, who had crossed the Waal, and succeeded in driving them back across that River; with the Loss of Four Pieces of Cannon and some Men.

As I inclose a Copy of his Report, it is needless for me to enter into any Particulars; but I cannot help expressing to your Royal Highness how great a Praise is due to Major-General David Dundas, and to all the Officers and Men, for their Conduct on this Occasion, which was as exemplary in the Fortitude and Perseverance with which they supported every Fatigue and Hardship attending the Season, as it was spirited in the Action.

I am happy to observe that, all Circumstances considered, the Loss of the British, of which I have the Honor to inclose a Return, is inconsiderable. We have, however, to lament the Death of Major Murray, of the 78th Regiment.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect, &c.

(Signed) WM. HARCOURT.

*His Royal Highness the Duke of York.*

*Copy of a Report from Major-General David Dundas to his Excellency General Count Walmoden, dated Tuyl, December 31, 1794.*

**A** GREEABLE to Orders I received on the 27th, about Ten in the Morning I communicated with General Wurmb, and all the Troops were put in Motion immediately, viz. Four Battalions and Four Squadrons of Hessians, under General Wurmb; Ten British Battalions, La Chatre's Emigrés, Six Squadrons British Light Cavalry, and One Hundred and Fifty Hussars of Rohan, divided in Brigades, under Major-General Sir Robert Lawrie, Major-General Lord Cathcart, Major-General Gordon, and Lieutenant-Colonel Mac Kenzie.

At Geldermalsen Lord Cathcart, with Four Battalions and Rohan's Hussars, struck off from the British Column to march upon Rumpst and Haastien, so as to get behind Tuyl. The Rest of the British Column proceeded by Metteren; and exactly at Day-light meeting the Hessian Column near Waardenbourg, attacked the Enemy in their Post of Tuyl, with such Reclamation and Gallantry of the Troops, that it was very soon carried, notwithstanding it's natural Strength, the Abbatis that were made, the Batteries of the Town of Bommel, which flanked the Approach, and the considerable Number of Men who defended it, who were driven across the River (every where passable on the Ice) with Loss of Men and Cannon.

I inclose a Return of the Killed and Wounded of the British.

*Extract of a Letter from General Walmoden to His Royal Highness the Duke of York, dated Amerongen, January 6, 1795.*

**O**N the 3d Instant I removed my Head Quarters to this Place. By this Disposition, which I had previously announced to your Royal Highness, I am nearer the Scene of our present Operations.

The Severity of the Weather has increased; and the intense Cold of the 3d and 4th induced the Enemy, on the latter Day, to pass the Waal near Bommel. Having driven in our advanced Posts, they again took Possession of Tuyl. General David Dundas, however, thought he should be able to defend Metteren, and to check the further Progress of the Enemy; but the advanced Posts of the Hessians, nearest to General Dundas's Position, having also been obliged to fall back, I agreed with the other Generals to send Orders to Generals Dalwick and Dundas to unite their Forces immediately, and, at Day-break of the 5th, to make a vigorous Attack on the Enemy, and to spare no Efforts to drive them across the Waal. General Dundas probably found the Enemy in too great Force to venture the At-

tack; but about Ten o'Clock he was himself attacked at Geldermalsen by a large Body of the Enemy's Cavalry, supported by their Tirailleurs. Their Charge was so impetuous, both on our Cavalry and Infantry, that at first they had the Advantage, and took Two Pieces of Cannon; but the Reserve coming up, the Guns were retaken, the Enemy repulsed, and the Post preserved.

The Violence of the Frost having converted the whole Country into a Kind of Plain, which gives the greatest Facility to the Enemy in their Movements, General Dundas thought it necessary to fall back, during the Night, upon Bueren, where General Dalwick was stationed. This Circumstance, and the excessive Fatigue which the Troops have undergone in the late Operations, at a Season of the Year, and in Situations in which they were often obliged, from Want of Cantonments, to pass the Night without Cover, determined me, in Concert with the other Generals, to take up a Position behind the Leck, for which we had previously made the necessary Dispositions. It extends from Cuylenberg to Wageningen, occupied by the Austrians.

A late March made by a considerable Column of the Enemy, attended by a large Train of Artillery, towards Gorcum, and their Attack upon our Right, combined with an Attempt upon Tiel, evidently indicate a regular Plan of Operations on their Part, and confirm me in the Opinion of the Necessity of our Movement. I hope that all the Troops will arrive this Evening at their new Stations.

Since Yesterday the Weather has become much milder, and gives us Reason to hope for a complete Thaw; in which Case we may expect a favourable Change in our Affairs.

*Head Quarters, Amerongen,  
January 6, 1795.*

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**N**OTWITHSTANDING the Advantage obtained on the 30th of December by His Majesty's Troops, of which I had the Honor to inform your Royal Highness in my last Letter of the 1st Instant, as the Frost continued increasing, it was judged necessary that Major-General David Dundas's Corps and the Hessians should fall back to a Position on the Lingen, leaving Out-Posts on the Waal. This Movement was executed on the Night of the 31.

On the Evening of the 31st the Enemy again crossed the Waal in very considerable Force, and drove in our Out-Post on that River; but, upon their advancing Yesterday Morning against General Dundas's Corps at Geldermalsen, they were repulsed with Loss, and did not renew the Attack.

Our Picquets were, however, drawn in to this Side of the Lingen, and Major-General David Dundas, finding his Position near Bueren to be no longer tenable, for Want of sufficient Covering for his Troops, (who have been now so long exposed to the unsoft Clemency of Weather, and the most severe and constant Fatigue, which they have supported with the greatest Fortitude) the Army has this Day received Orders to cross the Leck, and take up a Position on the Right Bank of that River.

I have as yet received no exact Return of our Loss, which is trifling. Major-General Sir Robert Lawrie and Two Officers of the 78th Regiment, are wounded, but, I am happy to add, very slightly.

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect, &c.

(Signed) WM. HARCOURT,

*Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Harcourt to His Royal Highness the Duke of York, dated Doven, Jan. 9, 1795.*

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**A** Very considerable and sudden Thaw having come on on the 6th Instant, which offered a Prospect of preserving our Position on the Waal,