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THE Letters, of which the following are Copies; have been received from Colonel Craufurd by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

*Head Quarters of His Royal Highness  
the Archduke Charles of Austria,  
Mettingen, August 12, 1796.*

MY LORD,

I Have the Honour to inform your Lordship, that the Archduke marched on the 9th Instant with the Main Army from Nordlingen, and took a Position across the Eger Rivulet, with his Right towards Allerheim, the Center in Point of Mettingen, where the Head Quarters were fixed, and his Left towards Hohenaltheim, for the Purpose of covering more effectually the Roads from Nordlingen and Ottingen to Donawert. The Corps which had been posted at Nersheim, under General Hotze, had already fallen back to Fornheim and Aufhausen, to keep up the direct Communication with that on the Left Bank of the Danube, commanded by General Riese, who was now encamped near Dillingen. General Wartenleben had moved in the mean Time to Forckheim, on the River Rednitz, and from thence to Lauf on the Pegnitz. General Frolich, the Prince of Condé, and General Wolf, remained nearly in the same Position as mentioned in my Dispatch of the 4th.

The Enemy attacked the Austrian Guards of General Hotze and Riese on the 8th; but, by a Display of much Skill and Firmness, the first of those Generals managed to lose so little Ground, that the Change of Position, which was ordered for the next Day, took Place without Interruption; and the latter, from his Situation being more advantageous, completely repulsed the Attack that was made upon him.

On the 9th at Night Information was received that the Prince of Condé had been obliged to retire to Mindenheim, on the Mindel, and General Wolf

into the Defile of Bregentz, where, however, he had posted himself in such a Manner as to check the Enemy's Manœuvre in that Quarter. General Wartenleben also reported, that his Position was so bad as to make it highly imprudent for him to await the Attack which General Jourdan, from his late Movements, seemed to be meditating; and the same Day General Moreau arrived in great Force opposite the Center of His Royal Highness's extensive Line, forming with his Left on the Heights of Umenheim, his Center in Point of Catzenstein, and his Right on the Heights of Dunstelingen and Deschingen, with a Corps to cover this Flank near Laningen, on the Danube. His Reserve was between Nersheim and Korigsbron.

On the 10th the Enemy advanced a strong Part of their first Line into the Woods in their Front, where they established themselves firmly, and the same Evening, about Six o'Clock, they attacked General Hotze's Left, at Eglingen and Amerdingen, with great Impetuosity. They succeeded in driving back his Advanced Posts, but they made no Impression on his Left Position, nor did they interrupt the Attack that His Royal Highness intended to make upon them the next Morning, of which the following was the Disposition.

An Advanced Guard, commanded by Prince John of Lichtenstein, supported by a small Corps under General Staray, was to march from the Camp of Mettingen along the Road that leads from Nordlingen to Nersheim, and endeavour, by manœuvring to the Enemy's Left Flank, to dislodge them from the Heights of Umenheim. The Rest of the Main Army was to assemble at Foreheim, Aufhausen, and Amerdingen, from whence it was to march in Three Columns; that of the Right under General Hotze; that of the Center under the Prince of Furstenberg; and the Left under General de la Tour, and attack the Enemy's Center and Right, whilst General Riese, strengthened by Part of General Frolich's Corps, drove them from the Neighbourhood of Laningen, and

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