

of Tafwang, formed His Royal Highness's advanced Guard. Lieutenant-General Hotze's Corps marched towards Beilugrieffs.

By this March the Archduke secured the Road to Ratibon, and the Right Flank of Jourdan's Army was equally threatened; he having advanced to the Nab.

A heavy Cannonade, heard in the Direction of Schwartzfeld on the 20th Instant, and other Reasons, made it necessary to proceed but slowly until more certain Intelligence of General Wartensleben's Situation could be obtained, and a combined Plan of Attack finally arranged. The above-mentioned Cannonade afterwards proved to have been an Affair of no Importance.

On the 22d the Enemy's Corps, which had advanced from Neumark, and taken Post behind a deep Ravine, through which the great Road passes near the Village of Teining; was attacked by the advanced Guard under General Nauendorf, and obliged to quit its Position and retreat towards Neumark.

On the 23d the Archduke and Lieutenant-General Hotze's Corps, having reunited, advanced in several Columns, and drove the Enemy from their Position behind Neumark. General Hotze pursued them to within a League of Aldorf, and at the same Time pushed forward a considerable Column of Cavalry, and some Light Infantry, under Major-General Prince John of Lichtenstein, on the great Road towards Nuremberg.

The Right Column of the Archduke's Corps encamped near Neumark.

On the 24th the long-intended combined Operation took Place against General Jourdan's Army. This Operation was performed in Seven Columns. That of the Right of General Wartensleben's Army advanced towards Weger; another large Column proceeded from Schwartzfeld, having a third smaller Force to its Left, and a Fourth advanced from Swandorf towards Amberg, in the Neighbourhood of which Place the Three latter Columns were to unite, and that of the Left to form a Junction with the Archduke's Right, which proceeded from Neumark, by Castell, to Amberg, having Two strong Corps to the Left, of which the one under Lieutenant-General Staray advanced to Herfchpruck, and the other under Lieutenant-General Hotze to Lauffen. This excellent Disposition would certainly have been followed by a very decisive Battle, had not the Enemy, alarmed at the menacing Movements of the Archduke's Corps, retreated so precipitately as to make it impossible. Their Loss must, however, have been considerable; and Two Battalions of their Rear Guard, which defended as long as possible the Defile of Amberg, were completely annihilated by some Squadrons of Austrian Cavalry. The different Corps encamped in the Evening in the Neighbourhood of Amberg, Herfchpruck, Lauffen, &c. General Jourdan is continuing his Retreat towards Forheim.

Whilst these Operations were carrying on, General Moreau crossed the Danube at Donawert, and acted with his whole Army against General La Tour, who has been obliged to quit the Position of the Lech, and on the 24th took another behind the Iser. General La Tour's Loss has been very inconsiderable;

although the great Superiority of the Enemy obliged him to retreat.

Thus, my Lord, have I endeavoured to give your Lordship an accurate Account of the late Events and Movements; and it is with the deepest Concern I must conclude it by informing your Lordship that my Brother, Lieutenant-Colonel Craufurd, was unfortunately wounded and taken on the 25th Instant.

The Archduke has been pleased to write to General Jourdan, reclaiming him; and I have no Doubt of their giving him up, as it would be contrary to every Rule to detain a Person as Prisoner of War, who was not, at the Time of his being taken, employed in a Military Capacity.

It is impossible for me to express to your Lordship how much the Archduke, and, I may say, all the principal Officers of the Army, have shewn themselves interested about Colonel Craufurd; nor can I conclude without assuring your Lordship that his being taken was not owing to any Imprudence; though, indeed, his Conduct, ever since he has had the Honor of being attached to the Austrian Army, has been marked by that conspicuous Zeal, Activity and Courage, which he cannot help displaying, even when only a Spectator of Military Operations.

I have the Honor, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT CRAUFURD.

*Head Quarters of His Royal Highness the Archduke Charles of Austria, Bamberg, August 31, 1796.*

MY LORD,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that after the Affair of the 24th Instant, General Jourdan continued his Retreat in several Columns through Velden, Pegnitz, &c. in the general Direction of Ebermantadt and Forheim, he has been closely pursued by the Archduke's Army, under which Denomination I comprise that lately commanded by General Wartensleben, as well as those Troops which His Royal Highness brought with him from the Danube.

On the 25th Instant the Advanced Guard, under Lieutenant-General Kray, marched by Sultzbach to Hohenstadt, and a considerable Column of the Enemy's Baggage was taken or destroyed in the Defile between that Place and Velden. The Troops which had encamped the preceding Evening near Amberg, followed General Kray's March, and the Archduke took his Head Quarters at Sultzbach.

On the 26th Lieutenant-General Kray pursued the Enemy in the Direction towards Graffenberg, and Lieutenant-General Hotze advanced from Lauffen towards Erlangen on the Rednitz; the former having his Right covered by Major-General Elfnitz, in the Neighbourhood of Velden, Neuhang, Blech, &c. as had the latter his Left by Major-General the Prince of Lichtenstein, who had passed through Nuremberg. The Archduke's Columns marched from the Camp of Sultzbach to Herfpruck on the Pegnitz.

On the 27th Lieutenant-General Hotze, having crossed the Rednitz, moved towards Hochstadt on the Aisch, Prince Lichtenstein's Corps forming his advanced Guard, Lieutenant-General Kray's Corps marched