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DISPATCHEs, of which the following are Copies, have been received from Captain Anstruther 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, Zell, near Wurtzburg, September 4, 1796.

MY LORD,

YOUR Lordship is acquainted with the unfortunate Circumstances which have obliged Colonel and Mr. R. Craufurd to remain for a Time at a Distance from the Scene of Operations: The Absence of these Gentlemen, at a Moment so particularly interesting as the present, must be regretted, as a Loss to the Public Service, which, though at their Request, I now attempt to detail to your Lordship the late Proceedings of the Army, I feel myself inadequate to supply.

Your Lordship is already informed of the Movements of His Royal Highness the Archduke up to the 31st Ultimo, at which Period the Right Wing of the Army was assembled in the Plain betwixt Forcheim and Bamberg, and the Left, consisting of upwards of Twenty Battalions and Fifty Squadrons,

under the Command of Lieutenant-General Stzaray, had reached Eberach, and threatened at once, by Detachments, the Points of Schweinfurt and of Wurtzburg.

Early on the 31st the Archduke entered Bamberg, and, from the Information there received of the Movements of the Enemy, determined to push on with the whole Army towards Wurtzburg, as being the Point on the Occupation of which depended the Possibility of forcing Jourdan to abandon the Meyn, and take his Retreat through the Country of Fulda, on the Lahn. His Royal Highness proceeded in the Evening to Bourg Eberach. General Kray took Post at Eltmann, and General Stzaray advanced to Kloster Schwartzach.

On the 1st of September the Archduke marched to Ober Schwartzach, General Kray to Geroldshoffen, and General Stzaray to Kitzingen, where he passed the Meyn: His Advanced Guard, under General Hotze, took Possession of the Town of Wurtzburg, the French Garrison retiring into the Citadel.

In the mean Time the Enemy strained every Nerve to reach Wurtzburg before the Main Body of the Austrian Army should come up; and, by forced Marches, arrived at Kornach, within Three Leagues