

Leagues of the Town, the same Day on which General Hotze took Possession of it. Next Day (the 2d) Jourdan attacked, with the utmost Impetuosity the Corps under General Stzaray, but, though he succeeded in forcing some of his Posts, he was not able to make any Impression on the Main Position, and retired in the Evening to his Camp near Kornach. There he resolved to abide the Event of a Battle, and, in that View, posted himself in the following Manner.

His Right Wing, extending to the Meyn a little below Wurtzburg, rested on a very commanding Eminence, in Front of which a deep River rendered the Access extremely difficult. The first Line of his Centre occupied a long narrow Wood, skirting the Bottom of a Chain of Heights, on the Ridge of which his second Line was posted. His Left Wing, consisting almost entirely of Cavalry, was placed in the spacious Plain in Front of Kornach, but considerably thrown back, in order to receive the more effectual Support from the Infantry in the Wood. A numerous Artillery was distributed on the most essential Points along his Front. The Division of Lefevre remained posted behind Schweinfurt, to cover the great Road to Fulda, and a small intermediate Corps maintained his Communication with the Army.

His Royal Highness halted the 2d in his Camp of Ober Schwartzach, whilst a Bridge was thrown on the Meyn, near Dettelbach, which was not finished till late in the Evening. General Kray remained at Geroltzhoffen.

General Stzaray, in the mean Time, judging, from the Force and usual Conduct of Jourdan, that he would soon renew his Efforts to render himself Master of Wensbourg, embraced the spirited Resolution of rather advancing against him than of waiting for him in his Position. The Archduke approved of this Idea, and determined to facilitate the Execution of it, by making a combined Attack on the Enemy, to take Place early in the Morning of the 3d. The Intention was, that General Stzaray should move forward against the Corps which was opposed to him; that the Main Body, under the Command of General Wartensleben, passing the Bridge at Dettelbach, should attack the Centre of the Enemy, whilst General Kray, crossing the River at the Point nearest Geroltzhoffen, should turn his Left Wing.

Soon after Day-Break accordingly General Stzaray advanced and drove back the Posts of the Enemy; as, however, the other Two Columns had a considerable March to make, and met with much unexpected Delay in the Passage of the River, he soon found himself engaged alone by very superior Numbers, and was obliged not only to relinquish the Ground he had gained, but had much Difficulty in maintaining his original Position. At this critical Instant His Royal Highness sent Orders to General Wartensleben to ford the River with the whole of his Cavalry, and advance directly against the Left of the Enemy. His judicious Manceuvre had the desired Effect. Jourdan, seeing himself menaced in the most essential Point of his Position, withdrew from his Right the Troops with which he was pressing General Stzaray, who thus gained Time to re-establish himself in his Post.

The Cavalry now charged the Left of the Enemy, and drove it from its Ground: But the Enemy retiring behind the Wood, the Austrians remained exposed to a Fire of Musquetry and Grape, which obliged them to abandon the Advantage they had gained. A second Attempt of the same Nature had a similar Fate; and, after fruitless Endeavours to draw the Enemy into the Plain, His Royal Highness resolved to await the Arrival of the Rest of General Wartensleben's Column, without which it was evident the Position of the Enemy could not be forced.

At length the Infantry appeared advancing from Dettelbach, and General Stzaray moving forward at the same Time, a combined Attack was immediately formed against the Wood which covered the Enemy's Front. Eight Battalions of Grenadiers advanced for this Purpose with equal Order and Impetuosity, regardless of the Swarm of *Tirailleurs* who harassed them, they gained the Wood without firing a Shot, and in a few Minutes drove the Enemy not only from thence but from the Heights beyond it. This Advantage, and the Appearance of General Kray's Column on the Right, decided the Fortune of the Day. Jourdan made no Attempt to recover the Ground he had lost, but began his Retreat on every Point; this he for some Time conducted with much Regularity; his Cavalry preserving considerable Countenance, and forming repeatedly, under Protection of their Light Artillery, to check the Pursuit of the Austrians. At length however