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DISPACHES, of which the following are Copy and Extract, have been received from the Right Honorable Sir Morton Eden, K. B. and Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Craufurd, by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Foreign Department.

Extract of a Letter from Sir Morton Eden, K. B. dated Vienna, May 30.

I Have the Honor of transmitting to your Lordship an Extraordinary Gazette of this Day, containing an Account of the Progress of the Army under the Command of the Archduke Charles in Switzerland, and of General Bellegarde's Determination (the Object of rescuing the Grisons from the French being now attained) to proceed with the Troops under his Command to support the Operations of the Army in Italy, and a detailed Relation of the Attack of Lucien's Steig and the neighbouring Posts by General Hotze.

Vienna, May 24, 1799.

FROM Two Reports received from His Royal Highness the Archduke Charles, dated at Stockach the 20th Instant, and at Singen the 21st Instant, it appears, that General Bay, whom Lieutenant-General Hotze had detached to attack the Enemy near Ainos, had driven him from that Post, carried a Flèche, and taken One Piece of Cannon and a Tumbril. General Bay proceeded to storm the Enemy's Entrenchments, and pursued him in his Retreat to Werdenberg; in the Course of which he took One more Piece of Cannon. Notwithstanding a very obstinate Attempt of the Enemy to make a Stand at Werdenberg, our brave Troops succeeded in repulsing him upon this Occasion, and One of the Enemy's Companies was, with the Exception of Thirty Men, cut to Pieces.

While General Bay was executing the above Operation, Colonel Gavini, of the Regiment of Kerpen, who was ordered by Lieutenant-General Hotze to advance to Wallenstadt, and if possible to gain Possession of the Road which leads through the Mountains from Werdenberg to Wallenstadt, reached Wallenstadt on the 19th, and posted his Troops about Half a League on this Side the Lake. He was soon after attacked by a very superior Number of the Enemy, who continued sending fresh Troops through Flums against his Flank, but could not gain a Foot of Ground. On the contrary, Colonel Gavini, in the End, succeeded in bringing a small Column to act upon the Enemy's Right Flank, and in repulsing him towards Sun-set, with considerable Slaughter, as far as Murk.

His Royal Highness here observes, that Colonel Gavini upon this Occasion gave fresh Proofs of his Spirit and Intelligence, having prevented the Enemy, notwithstanding his Superiority, from gaining the least Advantage. Our Loss was, however, not inconsiderable, as it amounted to Three Hundred Men killed and wounded, among whom were Eight Officers, Three killed and Five wounded.

A Legion formed of Swiss Emigrants, which was engaged for the First Time, distinguished itself very much, and the Country People have everywhere risen in Mass with Enthusiasm.

The rapid Progress of Lieutenant-General Hotze obliged the Enemy to abandon the Neighbourhood of St. Gall, as well as the Banks of the Rhine, near Constance and Schaffhausen, and to retreat beyond Winterthur.

Lieutenant-General Nauendorff, who observed this, immediately crossed the Rhine with a Part of his Advanced Guard, and pushed forward the Light Cavalry to observe the Enemy's further Movements. He was informed that the Enemy had abandoned the Thur and the Thor, and had fallen back towards Zurich. Lieutenant-General Nauendorff sent