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A DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, has been received from Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Craufurd by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Foreign Department.

MY LORD, *Zurich, June 7, 1799.*

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that, in consequence of a very severe Action which took Place on the 4th Instant, Massena has been obliged to abandon his Entrenched Camp before this Place, and that the Austrians took Possession of the Town Yesterday Afternoon.

In my Dispatch of the 31st Ultimo, I had the Honor to acquaint your Lordship that after the Affair of Winterthur the Enemy retreated behind the Glat. In the subsequent Days the Right Wing of the Archduke's Army under General Nauendorf, advanced towards Buelach, the Centre of Prince Reufs's Column towards Kloten, and General Hotze's to Basserdorf.

In order to threaten the Enemy's Right Flank, and in hopes of thereby inducing him to quit the Position of Zurich, (the real Strength of which was not known,) General Zellachich was sent with a Column round the Greifenfee, and afterwards advanced towards Zurich, in Connection with another Part of General Hotze's Corps, which crossed the Glat below Greifenfee, but considerably to the

Enemy's Right. As these Demonstrations, however, were without Effect, an Attack was determined upon.

Between the Glat and Limmat is a considerable Chain of Hills, running nearly parallel to these Rivers, and covered in most Parts with thick Woods. On this Ridge, just in the Front of Zurich, Massena had chosen a most excellent and not very extensive Position, which for several Weeks past he had caused to be strengthened by numerous Entrenchments, and in which, after the Affair of Winterthur, he collected a considerable Part of the Army. The Right Wing was posted on the Hill called the Zurich-Berg, which is greatly elevated above every other Part of the Ridge within its Reach, and is covered with very thick Woods, in which the Enemy had made considerable Abbatis, entirely surrounding the Hill, and defended by Redoubts: and this being the most interesting and decisive Point of the Position, it was occupied by a large Body of Infantry; the Right Flank of which was thrown back en Potence towards the Town. The Left Wing of the Army was placed on the Continuance of the above-mentioned Chain of Hills; likewise protected by extensive Woods, Abbatis, and Entrenchments:—in the Centre the Ground was much lower, quite free from Wood and of easy Access. Through this open Space (which is not quite a Cannon-shot in Extent from Wood to Wood), pass the Roads leading from