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*Downing-Street, September 24, 1799.*

**A** DISPATCH, of which the following is a Copy, has been this Day received from Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of York, by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*Head-Quarters, Schagen Brug,  
Sept. 20, 1799.*

SIR,

**I**N my Dispatch of the 16th Instant I acquainted you with my Intention of making an Attack upon the Whole of the Enemy's Position, the Moment that the Reinforcements joined.

Upon the 19th, every necessary Arrangement being made, the Army moved forward in Four principal Columns in the following Order :

The Left Column, under the Command of Lieutenant-General Sir Ralph Abercromby, consisting of Two Squadrons of the 18th Light Dragoons, Major-General the Earl of Chatham's Brigade, Major-General Moore's Brigade, Major-General the Earl of Cavan's Brigade, First Battalion of British Grenadiers of the Line, First Battalion of Light Infantry of the Line ; The 23d and 55th Regiments under Colonel Macdonald,

destined to turn the Enemy's Right on the Zuyder Zee, marched at Six o'Clock on the Evening of the 18th.

The Columns upon the Right, the First commanded by Lieutenant-General D'Hermann, consisting of

The 7th Light Dragoons,  
Twelve Battalions of Russians, and  
Major-General Manners' Brigade ;  
the Second, commanded by Lieutenant-General Dundas, consisting of  
Two Squadrons of the 11th Light Dragoons,

Two Brigades of Foot Guards, and  
Major-General His Highness Prince William's Brigade ;

the Third Column, commanded by Lieutenant-General Sir James Pulteney, consisting of

Two Squadrons of the 11th Light Dragoons,  
Major-General Don's Brigade,  
Major-General Coote's Brigade ;

marched from the Positions they occupied at Day-break the Morning of the 19th. The Object of the First Column was, to drive the Enemy from the Heights of Camper Duyn, the Villages under these Heights, and finally to take Possession of Bergen : the Second was to force the Enemy's Position at Walmenhuysen and Schoreldam, and to co-operate with the Column under Lieutenant-General D'Hermann : and the Third, to take Possession of Ouds Carpel at the Head of the Lange Dyke, a great Road leading to Alkmaer.

It is necessary to observe, that the Country in which we had to act, presented in every Direction the most formidable Obstacles. The Enemy upon their Left occupied to great Advantage the High Sand-Hills which extend from the Sea in front of Petten to the Town of Bergen, and were entrenched in Three intermediate Villages. The Country over which the Columns under Lieutenant-Generals Dundas and Sir James Pulteney had to move for the Attack of the fortified Posts of Walmenhuysen, Schoreldam, and the Lange Dyke, is a Plain intersected every Three or Four Hundred Yards by broad deep wet Ditches and Canals. The Bridges across the only Two or Three Roads which led to these Places were destroyed, and Abbatis were laid at different Distances.

Lieutenant-General D'Hermann's Column commenced its Attack, which was conducted with the greatest Spirit and Gallantry, at Half past Three.