

the Remainder of the Russian Troops moving under the Sand Hills, to co-operate with the Brigade under Major-General Burrard in the Attack of Schoreldam, and to combine their Attack upon Burgen with the Troops upon their Right.

The Third Column, under the Command of Lieutenant-General Dundas, consisted of  
Major-General Earl of Chatham's Brigade,  
Major-General Coote's Ditto,  
Major-General Burrard's Ditto,

And One Squadron of the 11th Light Dragoons.

Major-General Coote's Brigade was ordered to follow the Advanced Guard of Sir Ralph Abercromby's Column from Petten, to turn to the Left at the Village of Campe, and proceeding under the Hills to take the Slaper Dyke in Reserve and clear the Road to Groete and the Heights above it, for that Part of the Russian Column which marched by the Slaper Dyke, whose Right Major-General Coote was to cover, during its Progress towards Bergen, by detaching the required Number of Troops into the Sand Hills. Major-General Lord Chatham's Brigade was to follow that Part of the Russian Column which marched from the Zuyper Sluys, to turn to the Right, and falling into the Road in the Rear of Major-General D'Essen's Corps, to join such Part of Major-General Coote's as moved along that Road, to proceed in Support of the Russian Column, covering its Right upon the Sand Hills, and from them ultimately to combine with that Column in its Attack upon Bergen; for which Purpose these Two Brigades were to extend as much as possible to the Right, and endeavour to connect themselves with the Right Column. Major-General Burrard's Brigade was ordered to move from Tutenhoorn and Crabbendam upon the Left of the Alkmaar Canal, to combine, with the Corps under Major-General Sedmoratsky, its Attack from Schoreldam, which was further supported by Seven Gun-Boats moving along the above Canal. Major-General Burrard was to communicate upon his Left with the Fourth Column under Lieutenant-General Sir James Pulteney, consisting of

Major-General His Highness Prince William's Brigade,

Major-General Manners' Ditto,

Major-General Donn's Ditto,

Two Squadrons of the 18th Light Dragoons,

And Two Battalions of Russians.

This Column covered the whole of the Left of our Position to the Zuyder Zee, and was destined to threaten the Enemy's Right and to take Advantage of every favorable Circumstance that should offer.

Proportions of Artillery of Reserve were attached to each Column, and to the Russian Column about Two Hundred Cossacks and Hussars.

The Force of the Enemy was computed at Twenty-Five Thousand Men, much the greater Proportion of which were French.

The State of the Tide determined the March of the Right Column, which proceeded from Petten at Half past Six o'Clock in the Morning. Its Advanced Guard, composed of the Reserve under Colonel M'Donald; viz.

1st Battalion of Grenadiers of the Line,

1st Battalion of Light Infantry of Ditto,

23d Regiment of Infantry,

And 55th Regiment of Infantry.

drove the Enemy from Campe and from the Sand Hills above that Village, and continued its March upon the Ridge of those Hills inclining a little to the Left. Major-General Coote's Brigade, which next followed, turned to its Left at Campe, and advancing as far as the Extremity of the Slaper Dyke and the Village of Groete, cleared the Road for the Russian Column under Major-General D'Essen. Part of this Brigade, in Connexion with Colonel M'Donald's Corps, drove the Enemy from the Sand Hills to the Right and Front of the Russian Column, and continued moving forward upon the Sand Hills a little in Advance of the Russian Troops. Major-General Sedmoratsky's Corps had marched from the Zuyper Sluys as soon as the Enemy had abandoned Groete, and advanced across the Plain between the Alkmaar Canal and the Road by which Major-General D'Essen moved, whose Left he joined, whilst his own Left was protected by the Fire of the Gun Boats and the Advance of Major-General Burrard's Corps.

The Enemy, who had gradually retired from Schorel, were now formed in considerable Force from Schorel to Schoreldam, and kept up a very warm Fire from the Cannon which they had posted at different Points of their Line. Major-General Lord Chatham's Brigade moved in the Rear of Major-General Sedmoratsky's Corps, close behind which it was formed in the Plain.

The Column under Major-General D'Essen proceeded along the Road upon Schorel, whilst Major-General Coote's Brigade was rapidly driving the Enemy from the Ridge of Sand Hills above that Village and to its Right. Colonel M'Donald's Corps had moved considerably to the Right, with a View to connect itself with the Right Column, and continued warmly engaged with the Enemy who were in very considerable Force in the Sand Hills. After some Delay the Enemy were driven, about Eleven o'Clock, by the Russian Troops, and by the Gun Boats and Major-General Burrard's Brigade upon their Left, from Schorel and Schoreldam, between which Major-Generals D'Essen's and Sedmoratsky's Corps took Post, and continued the Remainder of the Day engaged in a Cannonade with the Enemy posted in the Village of Bergen and between it and the Koe Dyke. Schoreldam was occupied by Major-General Burrard, whence he continued his Attack (in Conjunction with the Gun Boats) upon the Enemy, who was strongly posted on the Koe Dyke.

In this Situation it became necessary to make a great Effort to clear the Summit of the Sand Hills of the Enemy, who occupied them in great Numbers, and for a great visible Extent quite beyond Bergen. The Left of Major-General Coote's Brigade was then above Schorel, and the Regiments which composed it were separated by very considerable Intervals, and extended a long Way into the Sand Hills. The 85th Regiment being on the Right, and considerably advanced, was warmly engaged with the Enemy, who shewed a Disposition to come upon the Right of the Brigade. I therefore directed Lieutenant-General Dundas to march Major-General Lord Chatham's Brigade from the Plain into the Sand Hills to the Right of Major-General Coote's, leaving One Battalion (the 31st) to move close under the Hills pa-