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*Downing-Street, November 28, 1799.*

**D**ISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been received this Day from the Right Honorable Lord William Bentinck by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Foreign Department.

*Head-Quarters, Montenaux,  
October 26, 1799.*

MY LORD,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that a Report was this Morning received by General Melas from General Karaczai, (who commanded a Corps of Six Thousand Men near Novi to observe the chief Débouché from Genoa,) stating that he had been attacked by very superior Numbers of the Enemy, and, after a very severe Engagement, had been obliged to retire with considerable Loss to Alexandria, where he had taken up a Position behind the Bormida. General Kray marched this Morning with a considerable Reinforcement, and I hope will arrive Time enough to prevent the Enemy from making any further Progress. A Resolution has been taken on the Part of the Commander in Chief immediately to embody the Piedmontese Army; these Troops are to be placed in every respect upon their ancient footing; they are to take the Oath of Fidelity to the King of Sardinia only; and are in no Manner whatever to be made subject to Austrian Discipline. The Piedmontese Troops that are em-

ployed have behaved upon all Occasions in the most gallant and honorable Manner. Vast Numbers of Deferters come in daily, who all describe the Distress of the Enemy, for Want of Provisions, to be extreme.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

W. BENTINCK.

*Head-Quarters, Centalo,  
November 6, 1799.*

MY LORD,

I IN my last Letter I had the Honor of acquainting your Lordship, that in consequence of Information having been received that a large Detachment of the Enemy was coming from the Side of Savoy, the Army made a Movement to its Right. The French having taken Pignerol and Susa, and having advanced to Salucco, threatening our Communication with Turin, General Melas thought it necessary to march still farther to his Right; and a Camp was chosen between Bra and Fossano. These Operations, when connected with the System of Defence only, upon which this Army had so long been acting, deceived the French into a Belief that the Austrians were in full Retreat. The Evacuation of Mondovi, which was determined upon for the Purpose of adding a very considerable Force to the Army, confirmed still more this Opinion. Elated with these Hopes, they advanced on all Points, and on the 3d took Possession of Savigliano.