

On the 4th the Enemy marched in Three Columns to attack the Austrian Army. The First Column marched from Savigliano by Marenne, the Second by Genola, and the Third marched to the Attack of Fossano, which had been put in a State of Defence, and was occupied by a considerable Garrison. It happened that the Austrian Army moved with the same Intent, at the same Time, and in the same Number of Columns, and upon the same Roads. Lieutenant-General Ott commanded the Right Column, Lieutenant-General Elfnitz the Centre, and Major-General Göttersheim the Left. The Two Armies met at Marenne and Genola. It was not till after a very severe Engagement that General Ott obliged the Enemy to fall back from Marenne; a Part retired to Genola, and a Part to Savigliano. General Ott pursued the Enemy to the latter Place, where he took Three Cannon and above One Thousand Prisoners. The Column of General Elfnitz, that was destined for the Attack of Genola, met with a much more formidable Resistance. The Action lasted for several Hours, and it was not till the Arrival of the Column of General Ott from Savigliano upon the Rear of the French, that Victory declared in Favor of the Austrians. The Two Columns immediately proceeded in Pursuit of the Enemy: General Ott by Villa Fallette, General Elfnitz by Valdigi. The Army halted at Night at Centalo. The Column of General Göttersheim repulsed the French from Fossano to Murazzo. It will appear surprising, that, while our Army was at Centalo, a Division of the French Army remained between Mu-

razzo and Ronchi, with the Stura in their Rear, over which there was no Bridge.

Early in the Morning of the 5th the Army marched in Two Columns to Ronchi and Murazzo. The Enemy, surpris'd, made no Resistance, and Two Hundred Prisoners were taken without any Loss. It appears that the French Army was completely defeated, and that this Division was left there without Orders. The Austrians have made in the Two Days above Three Thousand Prisoners. The Army being extremely fatigued remained at Ronchi; but this Morning, General Melas having determin'd to follow up his Success with the greatest Vigour, the Army marched in Two Columns, one upon the Intrenched Camp of the Madona del Almo, and the other upon Casaglia; the Enemy retreated everywhere upon our Approach; it is reported that the French are retiring over the Mountains.

It is impossible to do Justice to the Valor and Perseverance of the Austrian Army. The Operations of the Army prior and subsequent to this Affair, when consider'd in a Military Point of View, entitle the Commander in Chief to the Admiration of the whole World.

Accounts were received Yesterday from General Kray, that he had attacked the Enemy near Alexandria, had obliged them to retire to Pozzolo Formigoio, with the Loss of One Thousand Prisoners.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

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