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WAR DEPARTMENT.

*Downing-Street, June 19, 1813.*

A DISPATCH, dated Boitzenburgh, the 4th of June 1813, of which the following is an extract, together with an enclosure, of which a translation is annexed, has been received this day from Brigadier-General Lyon, employed upon a particular service in Germany.

HAVING arrived here late last night from Wismar, I avail myself of the earliest moment to transmit a copy of the official details received from General Czernicheff, giving an account of his affair with the enemy near Halberstadt.

SIR, *Bernburg, May 31, 1813.*

I HASTEN to congratulate your Excellency on the signal advantage just gained at Halberstadt by the detachments which I have the honour of commanding.

Fourteen pieces of cannon, an immense park of artillery, more than eight hundred draught horses, above one thousand prisoners, including a General of Division (Ochse), a colonel, and several officers, and very considerable stores, have fallen into the hands of the conquerors.

Having received permission from your Excellency to act according to circumstances, I in conse-

quence passed the Elbe at Ferchland on the night of the 16th, and proceeded in the direction of Burgstall; here I learnt, from various letters which had been intercepted by my parties, that a large convoy of artillery, escorted by about two thousand men, were to pass the night of the 17th, at Halberstadt. My horses having been sufficiently rested, and being in the best possible condition, I resolved on going the fifteen miles (German), which was the distance to Halberstadt, without halting. To my great surprise, I succeeded in performing the whole of this distance, without stopping, in thirty hours.

On my arrival at Hadmersleben, I learnt that a second convoy was at Hessen, on the Brunswick road, three miles and a half from Halberstadt, where it was intended to arrive in the morning to join the first, in the view of proceeding with greater safety on its march to the Grand Army. This last convoy was escorted by four thousand infantry, five hundred cavalry, and many pieces of artillery. Notwithstanding the fatigue of my men and horses, after so harassing a march, I resolved to continue my route, and to make an immediate attack upon the enemy at Halberstadt, before the arrival of the reinforcement; and in order to take advantage of the fault he had committed in placing his guns and the convoy outside of the town, although at a very