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DISPATCHES, of which the following are extracts, have been received at this Office from the Right Honourable Lord Burghersh and Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir Charles William Stewart, K. B.

Extract from Lord Burghersh, dated Vesoul, January 14, 1814,

IN pursuance of the system I had the honour of detailing to your Lordship in my last dispatch, as having been determined upon by Prince Schwartzenberg, the reserve, under the orders of the Prince of Hesse, moved upon Besançon on the 9th, and completed the investment of that fortress.

General Bubna had been destined to advance upon Dole, but the direction of his march has been changed, and he has proceeded towards Lyons.

Since I last had the honour of addressing your Lordship, affairs of considerable importance have taken place between the corps of General Wrede and the Prince Royal of Wurtemberg, and the French forces in their front.

The advanced guard of General Wrede, under the orders of General de Roy, was attacked on the 10th at St. Diez, by the corps of General Milhaud, which had lately been in occupation of Colmar. This advanced guard was forced to retire behind St. Marguerithe. General de Roy having however there assembled the force under his command, attacked the enemy, though superior to him in numbers, and drove him to Roon l'Etappe, took five hundred prisoners, and killed or wounded a considerable number of the enemy. St. Diez was retaken. General de Roy was wounded in this affair; the pursuit of the first advantages was directed by Colonel Freyberg.

General Wrede lost, on this occasion, ten officers

killed or wounded, amongst whom he regrets particularly Major Harret, of the 8th regiment of infantry, killed, and Major the Baron Pfetten, severely wounded; the loss in men amounts to about two hundred.

The intention of General Milhaud, in his attack upon the Bavarians, seems to have been to possess himself of the debouchés of the mountains of the Vosges into the valley of the Rhine. This object (of the greatest importance to the French armies) has been prevented by the good conduct of the troops, and the able dispositions of General de Roy. General Wrede has since advanced with his corps to Rombervillers and Bruyeres.

The Prince Royal of Wurtemberg, having arrived at Remiremont on the 10th, where he received information that a corps of French, amounting to four thousand men, and composed principally of the young guards of Buonaparte, was in occupation of Epinal, he determined to attack it. He moved forward with the corps under his orders to effect that object on the 12th. General Count Platow co-operated in this movement, and marched by the right of the enemy towards Charmes in his rear.

The French force retired on the advance of the Prince Royal.

That officer however pursued with his cavalry and some artillery, overtook the enemy, and took a considerable number of prisoners.

The advanced guard of General Platow, commanded by General Grechow, arrived upon the flank of the enemy, while retiring at Thaon, charged its cavalry, dispersed it, and took a number of prisoners.

The artillery of General Platow was delayed by the badness of the roads, but arrived later in the day, and did considerable execution.

The enemy was pursued to Charmes; five hun-