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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, July 7, 1815.

CAPTAIN Lord Arthur Hill arrived last night with dispatches, of which the following are an extract and a copy, addressed to Earl Bathurst by His Grace the Duke of Wellington; dated Gonasse, 2d and 4th instant.

Gonasse, 2d July 1815.

"THE enemy attacked the advanced guard of Marshal Prince Blucher's corps at Villars Coterets, on the 28th, but the main body coming up they were driven off, with the loss of 6 pieces of cannon, and about 1000 prisoners.

It appears that these troops were on the march from Soissons to Paris, and having been driven off that road by the Prussian troops at Villars Coterets, they got upon that of Meanx. They were attacked again upon this road by General Bulow, who took from them five hundred prisoners, and drove them across the Marne.

They have, however, got into Paris.

The advanced guard of the allied army under my command crossed the Oise on the 29th, and the whole on the 30th, and we yesterday took up a position with the right upon the height of Rochebourg, and the left upon the Bois de Bondy.

Field Marshal Prince Blucher having taken the village of Aubervilliers, or Vertus, on the morning of the 30th June, moved to his right, and crossed the Seine at St. Germain as I advanced, and he will this day have his right at Plessis Pique, his left at St. Clond, and the reserve at Versailles.

The enemy have fortified the heights of Montmartre and the town of St. Denis strongly; and by means of the little rivers Reuillon and la Vielle

Mar, they have inundated the ground on the north side of that town, and water having been introduced into the canal de l'Ourcq, and the bank formed into a parapet and batteries, they have a strong position on this side of Paris.

The heights of Belleville are likewise strongly fortified, but I am not aware that any defensive works have been thrown up on the left of the Seine.

Having collected in Paris all the troops remaining after the battle of the 18th, and all the depôts of the whole army, it is supposed the enemy have there about 40 or 50,000 troops of the line and guards, besides the national guards, a new levy called Les Tirailleurs de la Garde, and the Federés.

I have great pleasure in informing your Lordship that Quesnoy surrendered to His Royal Highness Prince Frederick of the Netherlands on the 29th June.

I inclose the copy of His Royal Highness's report upon this subject, in which your Lordship will observe with satisfaction the intelligence and spirit with which this young Prince conducted this affair.

I likewise understand that Bassaume has surrendered to the officer sent there by the King of France to take possession of that town."

(TRANSLATION.)

Petit Wagnies, June 28, 1815.

"ON the day before yesterday I had the honour of receiving your Grace's letter, dated Joncourt, 26th inst. sent by your Aide-de-Camp, Capt. Cathcart, whom I have requested to inform your Excellency that Marshal Count Rothallier had arrived

