

A
RELATION
OF THE

Battle of Landen.

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ON the 18th of the last Month *New Style*, the King being at His Camp at *Park*, understood that the Enemy was marching towards the *Meuse*, whereupon His Majesty march'd the 21st to *Tirlemont*, where receiving the News that the Enemy had attack'd *Huy*, we continued our march as far as *Hopertingue*, between *St. Tron* and *Tongres*, with a design to succour the Place. There His Majesty being informed of the Surrender of *Huy*, detach'd the same day 10 Battalions to strengthen the Garrison of *Liège*, and so returned the next day to *Neer Hesperen*, where the Army halted, that it might not be too far from the Enemy before their Design was known; to which end several Parties was sent out towards their Camp, which stretcht its self almost from the River *Jocker* to the *Meuse*. On the 28th the Parties brought Word, that they could not come so near the French Camp as usual, because they had found a great Body of Horse upon the high Grounds near the Mill of *Warrem*, which hindred them from making any discovery beyond the *Jocker*. Some Hours after the King was acquainted that the Enemy appeared from the high Grounds of *St. Gertruyden-Landen*, at half an hours distance from the Camp. His Majesty sending out Parties, soon discovered that it was the Vanguard of their Army that had march'd before Day without Beat of Drum. His Majesty not doubting but they intended to attack our Army, resolv'd to Fight them, to which end having order'd the Foot to their Arms, and the Troopers to Mount, made that Evening the Disposition of his Army, having plac'd the Right Wing towards the Village of *Elixem*, and the Castle of *Loany*, upon the River *Gheere*. The Left of the Right Wing extended it self to the Village of *Neerwinden*, being cover'd by a little Rivulet, some Hedges, and hollow ways. The Brigade of *Ransy*, consisting of 5 Battalions, was plac'd be-

fore the Right Wing near *Lare*; the Brandenburg Foot over against *Lare*, and that of *Hanover* over against *Winden*. His Majesty finding the Ground very much open from *Winden* to *Neer-Landen*, caus'd a Retrenchment to be made in the Night between those places, behind which His Majesty plac'd the rest of the Foot, and some Battalions in the Village of *Neer-Landen*. The Left Wing began towards the Village of *Lörrmal*, cover'd by the Rivulet of *Landen* as far as *Neer-Landen*, where it made an Elbow that return'd behind the Foot, which was upon the Retrenchments the better to second it.

Our Army remained all night in this disposition. At break of day we saw the Enemy, drawn up in two Lines upon the high Grounds of *St. Gertruyden-Landen*, and another Body that advanced towards our Retrenchment on the side of *Winden*. At Sun-rising the Enemy was advanced so near to us, that we play'd our Cannon upon them; for about two hours they made no motion; about 6 a Clock those that remained on the high Grounds came down in several Lines, and when they were within reach of our Cannon, they left the middle of the Plain, and caus'd their Infantry to file off to our Right towards the Village of *Winden* and *Lare*, and on our Left towards the Village of *Neer-Landen*, being sustain'd by their Horse, which march'd on both sides of the Plain, and caus'd a Body to pass on the other side of the Rivulet of *Landen*, to make us believe they intended to fall upon our Left Wing, while they should make their greatest Effort upon our Left, which they attack'd about 7 hours after. The Fight lasted on that side for some hours with doubtful success; The Enemy advanced, and were repuls'd several times, and even some Squadrons got over the little Rivulet below the Village of *Lare*, and came into our Camp, most of which were either kill'd.