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Whitehall, August 10.

THIS Afternoon Colonel Park, Aid de Camp to his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, arrived here, being sent Express by the Duke to Her Majesty, with an Account of the Glorious Victory wherewith Almighty God had blessed Her Majesty's Arms over the French and Bavarians near Hochstetten, above Donawert; the 13th Instant, N. S.

The Colonel brought a Letter to my Lady Dorchefs, which his Grace had written on Horseback with a Lead-Pencil; a Copy whereof follows:

August 13. 1704.

I have not time to say more than to beg of you to present my humble Duty to the Queen, and to let Her Majesty know, That Her Army has had a Glorious Victory: Monsieur Tallard and Two other Generals are in my Coach, and I am following the rest: The Beaver my Aid de Camp, Colonel Park, will give Her Majesty an Account of what has passed: I shall do it in a day or two by another more at large.

MARLBOROUGH.

The Particulars of the March of the Army, and of the Action, as far as could be collected at 7 a Clock in the evening, when the Gentleman who brought this Express was dispatched by his Grace, are as follow:

August 4. N. S. the Confederate Army under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough marched from Fridberg, and encamped that night at Knebach, alias Kippach, the same day about 10 in the morning, the Marshal de Tallard, with about 2000 Men, came to Biberach, in order to join the Elector of Bavaria, whose Army lay at Augsburg: The Marshal left his Troops and went to the Elector's Camp, who ordered his Forces to march and join the French at Biberach, which they did accordingly.

The next morning Prince Lewis of Baden and the Duke of Marlborough also decamped, and marched to Hokenwert, where they continued the 6th and 7th.

The 6th Prince Eugene came to the Camp, and dined with the Duke of Marlborough. The same day a Detachment of 800 of Prince Lewis's Horse marched to invest Ingolstadt.

On the 8th the Army decamped from Hokenwert, and marched to St. Sanditzel, and the 9th to Axheim. This day Prince Lewis marched with a Detachment to besiege Ingolstadt. The same day the Duke of Marlborough had News, That the Enemy had passed part of their Army over the Danube at Dillingen or Lawingen, upon which his Grace ordered General Churchill to march with a strong Detachment over the Danube at Schonevelt to reinforce Prince Eugene, who lay encamped near Donawert.

The 10th the whole Army marched to Schonevelt.

The 11th Intelligence was brought, That the Enemy had passed their whole Army over the Danube; upon which his Grace ordered the Army under his Command to march by break of day; the first Line to pass the Lech near Rain, the Danube at Donawert, and the River Wormitz near Donawert; the second Line to pass the Danube at Schonevelt, and the Wormitz at Oppermorgen: That night the whole Army joined, and encamped at Munster. The same evening the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene rode out to observe the Posture of the Enemy.

The 12th the Duke having Notice, that some Troops of the Enemy were moving towards us, ordered our Troops to march, and the rest of the Army, to be under Arms, and ready to march; and himself, with Prince Eugene, went out to observe the Enemy, who advanced and encamped on a Hill near Hochstetten; whereupon that night the Duke ordered all the Baggage

to be sent towards Donawert, and the Army to be ready to march by break of day, which accordingly they did; and faced the Enemy's Camp by 6 or 7 of the Clock in the morning.

The Generals immediately set about ranging the Army in Order of Battel. At our first coming the Enemy were quiet in their Camp, and their Horse gone to forage: But so soon as they discovered us, they started, by the Noise in their Camp; to be in great Confusion; and they fired two Pieces of Cannon, to call back their Foragers: They also burnt several small Villages, that lay between our Army and theirs. About 9 a Clock they fired some Cannon upon our Troops, as they were marching to form the Line; whereupon the Duke ordered Cannon to be brought up; and Batteries to be made, to fire upon them, which was done with very good Effect. Thus both Armies continued cannonading each other till about a Quarter before one a Clock; during which time the Duke ordered a little Rivulet and Morals in the Front of the Enemy to be founded; and where it was found to be impassible he caused Bridges to be made in the Face of the Enemy.

When every thing was thus disposed, which was about one a Clock, the Duke ordered the Troops to move, and attack the Enemy, which was accordingly done; Prince Eugene and the Imperial General Officers, at the Head of the Imperial Troops, were on the Right; General Churchill, the Lord Cutts, Lieutenant-General Lumley, my Lord Orkney, and Lieutenant-General Ingoldsbey, with the rest of the English and Dutch General Officers, were on the Left; and the Duke of Marlborough commanded the whole. The Dispute was very sharp, and continued till near 3 a Clock; at which time the Troops on the Right, under Prince Eugene, being hard pressed by the Bavarians, who were on the Left of the Enemy's Line, began to give way; which his Grace perceiving, went in Person thither, and ordered the Corps de Reserve to advance, and saw them himself pass over the Rivulet, and there formed them, which put a stop to the Enemy's advancing any further. His Grace, at this time in particular, as likewise during the whole Action, exposing himself where there was the greatest Danger, very narrowly escaped being shot by a Cannon Bullet which grazed under his Horse's Belly, and covered him all over with Dirt, inasmuch that all that saw it concluded him to be dashed to pieces.

In the mean time the English and Dutch Troops gained ground upon the French, and soon after obliged their Horse to retire in great Confusion, leaving their Foot to our Mercy, which were for the most part cut to pieces. About 20 Battalions of the Enemy retired to a Village, and there defended themselves with a great deal of Bravery for at least an hour and an half, though Cannon was brought against them, and they were surrounded by our Troops: At last great numbers of them being killed, the rest surrendered themselves Prisoners of War. By this time we were entirely Masters of their Camp, and all their Tents, Artillery, Cannon and Baggage.

A great number of Officers were taken in this Action; and amongst the rest, the Marshal de Tallard, and two General Officers, one of which was the Marquis de Valere, and the other's Name Colonel Park does not remember. There still continued a considerable number of the Bavarian Horse in a Body together, which the Duke, at the dispatching away of this Express, had ordered to be surrounded, and attacked; in order thereunto, Colonel Park saw our Troops advancing towards them, as he came away, and he verily believes that the Elector of Bavaria was with that Body of Horse.

The Duke of Marlborough had been 16 hours on Horseback, and was in pursuit of the Enemy when this Express came away.

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