

du Corps having marched through to Lannebourg.

The 9th we came to Lannebourg, from whence the Battallions which arrived there the Day before marched to Novalese, and were followed the same Day by one of the Battallions which was arrived from Termignon.

Upon the 10th in the Morning the second Battalion of Guards took the same Route, and after Dinner the first also came up, followed by the seven Companies of Grenadiers, Care having been taken to empty all the Magazines, as had been done every where else, and all the Sick who were able to travel with Safety, having been sent away, and only a few Sacks of Corn, and some Furniture belonging to the Caserns, having been left behind, which could not be brought off, because the Mules, which were intended to carry them, could not travel upon account of the Badness of the Weather upon the Mountain, the Passage over which becoming every Moment worse and worse; the Commandant General of the Rear Guard thought he ought not any longer to defer endeavouring to reach Novalese, where the Troops which had already passed the Mountain, and especially the Artillery, were happily arrived.

What is very surprizing in our Retreat, is, that the Enemy, who were infinitely superior to us in Number, cannot say that they took one single Soldier Prisoner, if we except the Sick, whom out of mere Compassion we were obliged to leave in the Hospitals; nor did they compel us to leave our Quarters one Hour sooner than we had determined to do, when we arrived at them.

The Body of Troops which was ordered to repass into Piedmont through the Taranaise, and which was composed of one Regiment of Dragoons, and seven Battallions, under the Command of Brigadier du Verger, after having by its good Countenance, and by the Means of a Detachment which climbed up the Bauges and afterwards came down to Conflans, facilitated the Transportation of the Sick, which were in the Hospitals of St. Peter d'Albigny, and which could be drawn from thence without running the Risque of perishing upon the Road, arrived at Conflans, without having been pursued by the Enemy; and having been so successful as to save the greatest Part of the Magazines there, came to Montiers, leaving only 30 Men, commanded by an Officer of Monferrat, in the Village of Aisle Blanche, which is only a Quarter of a League distant from it. It was there that the Enemy, having the Miquelets at their Head, for the first Time began to harass the aforesaid Corps, and endeavoured to hem in the said 30 Men; but M. du Verger being apprized of their Intention, immediately caused the Grenadiers and the Picquets of his Troop to march to their Assistance, and having made a brisk and continued Fire upon the Enemy, he oblig'd them to retire. We had in this Encounter 10 Soldiers killed, 30 wounded, and an Officer named de Rietman taken Prisoner. The Enemy, by the Report of People of undoubted Veracity, had double that Number killed and wounded. M. du Verger receiving certain Intelligence from all Parts, that the Enemy, whose Number increased every Hour, intended to march along the Side of the Mountains on the right Hand and on the Left, and fall on him on both Sides in his Retreat, thought proper to move off the same Night that this Affair happened; and having marched all Night, he got to the Town of St. Maurice, and from thence to Sext. He afterwards very successfully passed the Mountain of Little St. Bernard with all his Troop, and left only fifty Men in the Convent which is in the middle of the Mountain, to facilitate the carrying off the Provisions that were left there.

The Enemy made an Attempt to surprize him, but perceiving that they should be received very warmly, they thought proper to retire in great Hast, and to return to Sext, and they have not once appeared since, knowing very well that the Troop we have at Thuile, on the Side of the Country of Aoste, would not suffer them to move that Way without Molestation.

*Neubourg, in the Upper Palatinate, Feb. 8.*

Prince Lobkowitz having set out from hence the 5th Instant for Winterberg, where he was to meet Marshal Khevenhuller, in order to settle the Operations of the Campaign, Count Wallis commands here in Chief during the Prince's Absence. In the mean while nothing remarkable has happened. The Enemy has at present no Place but Felsenstein on this Side the River Naab. They still hold Amberg with a Garrison of Two thousand Men, and some small Artillery, which they brought with them from Prague.

*Neubourg, Feb. 12.* The 10th Instant Prince Lobkowitz returned hither from Winterberg, and was received with all possible Honours in his Passage thro' the Cities of Bohemia, particularly at Glattau. All that has passed of any Consequence is, that General Locatelli has sent hither two Waggon Loads of Regimentals, Cartouches, Bayonets, and Musquets taken from the French. To-morrow or next Day our Head Quarters will probably be farther advanced, and as we hear to Pfreimbts, in order to be nearer to Amberg.

*Whitehall, March 5.*

His Majesty's Ship the Squirrel, commanded by Capt. Geary, arrived in the Downs the 3d Instant, with a Prize discover'd by him at Sea on the 10th of February last, in the Latitude of 36. 59 N. Madera bearing S. 24 15 E. 92 Leagues Distance, and taken the Day following. She is a French Ship, called the Pierre Joseph, hired by the Spaniards at Cadiz, and bound from Vera Cruz and the Havannah to that Port, as was confessed by some of her Officers, for her Papers were all thrown over-board when she first saw the Man of War. Her Supercargo at first conceal'd himself, but afterwards appeared, and was found to be a Spaniard. She had also several Spanish Passengers on board in Disguise. The Master was French, but he acknowledged he had no Interest whatsoever in the Cargo, which belonged entirely to Spaniards. Her Cargo consisted of 65 Chests of Silver, 5 Bales of Cochineal, 37 Bales of Indigo, and 1 Case of Vanel, 60 Cases of Sugar, and 3500 Hides. She pretended to have been bound to Mississippi, but the Master owned she had not been there, nor at any other Ports in America besides La Vera Cruz and the Havannah, having taken in her Lading of Quick-silver, Wine and Brandy at Cadiz for the former Place, and touched at the latter in her Return to take in Sugar and Hydes, and from thence sail'd in Company with five French Ships more, under Convoy of a Spanish Galleon, all bound to Cadiz, and parted from them Eight Days before she was taken.

The said Capt. Geary, on the 29th of January last, in Company with the Mistake Sloop, which was a Prize he had before taken, and had put some of his Men on board her, burnt a Spanish Privateer Sloop on the Shore of a little Village called Paul, near the West End of the Island of Tonshall in the Maderas, whereon she had been forced by the Squirrel and the Mistake Sloop; This Privateer was called the St. Elmo, and had on the 22d of the same Month chased a Sloop from New York, off the West of the Island.