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Head Quarters at Herenthout, June 20, N. S.

THE Allied Army is still in the same Position behind the Great Nethe, though some considerable Detachments have been made from it.

The 16th Instant the Comte de St. Germain, Lieutenant General, advanced with a considerable Body of French Troops towards the Demar, where General Baroniai was posted, in order to dislodge him from the Posts which he occupied, and to get Possession of the Heights along that River, which command, in several Places, the Routes which lead towards Maestricht; for this Purpose he advanced with 13 Battalions and 10 Pieces of Cannon to Dieft, and attack'd it; but Major Beck, who commanded some Hundred Irregulars in that Place, defended himself till the Arrival of the Succour which was sent him; upon which the Enemy, finding so much Difficulty in dislodging even the Irregulars, retired.

As by the Motions of the Enemy there was Reason to believe their whole Army was on the March towards Tirlemont, his Royal Highness the Duke sent Orders to Prince Wolfembutte to advance with the Corps de Reserve from Westerloo to the Abby of Everbode, and at the same Time order'd the second Line of the Left Wing to march under the Command of General Sommerfeldt, to Westerloo, in order to sustain the Corps de Reserve. At Break of Day on the 17th, the whole Army remained in Order of Battle, at the Head of their Camp, that in Case of Necessity they might be ready to march by the Left; but the Enemy remaining quiet in their Camp behind the Dyle, and withdrawing all their Detachments which were advanced towards us, the Army retired to their Camp again.

The Lycanians, supported by some regular Foot, attack'd, the 17th in the Morning, the Enemy's Rear Guard: They killed about 60, wounded 100, and took as many Prisoners: This Attack alarm'd the Enemy so much, that they abandon'd at once all the Posts about the Demar, which they were in Possession of, and amongst others, that of Hallen on the River, in

which they at first seem'd to have an Inclination to maintain themselves. General Baroniai is advanced at present beyond Sichein, on the other Side of the River, and the Dutch Cavalry, which formed a third Line, is moved to the Ground which the second Line of the Left Wing occupied before.

The 30 Squadrons which were detached with Prince Saxe Hildburghausen, have joined the Army, having been relieved by 16 Squadrons under the Command of Lieutenant General Philibert and Major General Montigni,

His Royal Highness the Duke has removed his Head Quarters to this Village, in order to be nearer the Left of the Army; and Marshal Bathiani is come to Kessels, in the Front of the Imperialists.

Yesterday his Royal Highness, accompanied by Marshal Bathiani and Prince Waldeck, reconnoitred the Country along the Demar, between Hallen and Arschot. The Corps of French, under Comte St. Germain, changed its Position Yesterday, and have put Hallen upon their Right Flank. They were within Sight of Baroniai's Camp.

Hague, June 20, N. S. The Paris Letters of the 16th Instant bring Advice, that the French Army under Marshal de Belleisle passed the Var upon the 3d; they found but forty Men and two Officers in Nice; Montalban held out but from three in the Morning till five at Night, the 5th; the next Day the Attack of Villafranca was begun, and as the Grand Prior was advanced to attack it by Sea with his armed Vessels, it was thought that it could not hold out long; the Garrison of Montalban consisted of but one hundred Men and two Officers. The Allies were retired to Ventimiglia, where they are fortifying themselves; they had blown up a Pass, which will cost the French a great deal of Time and Labour to make practicable. The States General published, last Saturday, a Placart, containing a Kind of Embargo on all Dutch Ships, which are forbid Sailing, unless they give up to the Admiralty one Man in three of their whole Crew, at the Choice of their respective Colleges, in whose Jurisdiction they are fitted out. All

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