

ready given of their Spirit and Bravery. In short, several Generals of the Army have wrote that the Number of the Slain was equal to the whole Prussian Army before the Battle. This will not be difficult to be believed, when it is known, that the heat of the Action lasted from about Eleven o' Clock, to Six in the Evening, and that four inaccessible Intrenchments were to be forced, planted thick with Cannon, which fired Cartridge Shot from near Nine in the Morning, till the Evening. The Prussians were never put into Confusion, and retreated in good Order. Their Loss is not computed at above 3 or 4000 Men, in Killed, Wounded, and Prisoners. These are the only Particulars as yet come to Hand of this bloody Battle, which does as much Honour to the Prussians as to the Austrians. Some Letters even assure, that the Prince of Bevern only retreated to spare his Men.

*Extract of a Letter from Prague, Nov. 29.*

The Circumstances of this Country are very different from those of Silesia. The King of Prussia has made a new Invasion in Bohemia. We are greatly alarmed here; for this City is at present very ill guarded. All those who are not in the Service, or in a Condition to serve, are removing. Accounts are so contradictory, that nothing positive can be said about the Enemy. Yesterday it was asserted, that they were retiring towards Saxony; and To-Day it is reported, that they are at Melnick, 8 Leagues from this Capital, where their Appearance is extremely dreaded. They are said to be 35,000 Men strong, which hardly appears credible; but they will always be strong enough to throw us into the utmost Distress here.

*Head Quarters at Amelinckhausen in the Dutchy of Luneburg, December 5.*

On the 30th past, the King's Army, commanded by Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, marched into Camp; and the same Day the Fort of Harburg, garrisoned by about One Thousand French, was invested; and the Reduction of the Garrison left to Major General Hardenberg, with three Battalions and two Squadrons; since when, the Motions of the Army have obliged the French to abandon the City of Luneburg, which was accordingly taken Possession of on the 3d Instant, by Major Freytach. On the 4th Major General Schulenburg, who commands an advanced Corps, attacked between this Place and Ebstorff, with the single Regiment of Dragoons of Breitenbach, some Hunters on Horseback, and some Hussars, a Body of near 2000 French Horse, and put them to Flight, with a very inconsiderable Loss. We have now secured our Communication with the Elbe; and the French, who give Way wherever we meet them, are retiring to Zell and Hanover.

*Hague, Dec. 9.* We have hitherto received nothing from the Prussian Side, relating to the Affair of Breslau: But, by the Austrian Accounts, it appears, that the Prince of Bevern was not taken till two Days after the Battle, as he was reconnoitring the Position of the Austrian Army, and consequently not till after all the Dispositions for the Retreat had been made. The Affair has been a very bloody one, as is plain by a Multitude of Accounts from themselves. The single Regiment of Young Wolfenbüttele, in the Austrian Service, has the Lieutenant Colonel and eight Captains wounded, which is a Proof how well the Prussian Troops did their Duty, though they were overpowered

at last. The Appearance of the Prussians in Bohemia, at the very Instant of this Defeat, makes a very odd Contrast. It is certain, that the Inhabitants have abandoned the whole Country between Saxony and Prague, and have spread the Alarm to the Capital itself. The Prussians on the Side of Halberstadt are in Motion, and have surprized some of the French Parties, which were sent out that Way to observe them. The Elector of Mentz, it is said, is quite out of Danger, and very much discontented at the Demand made to him, to grant Winter-Quarters in his Electorate to Part of Prince Soubise's Army: He has protested strongly against it.

Whitehall, December 13, 1757.

*Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that Daniel Hutchins, William Jones, Nathaniel Jackson, Paul Cross, Edward Ratcliff, George Dimsey, James Roberts, and Thomas Thorley, who had been committed to His Majesty's Goal in and for the County of Northampton, for several Riots, and Felonies, broke out of the said Goal, on Tuesday the 6th Instant, His Majesty, in order for the apprehending and bringing the said Offenders to Justice, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and brought to Justice: And also a Reward of Fifty Pounds for each of the said Offenders, to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to any Person or Persons who shall discover, and cause to be apprehended, any one of the said Offenders.*

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Daniel Hutchins, of and from Whittlebury in the County of Northampton, Carpenter, aged about Thirty-five Years, about five Foot five Inches high, of a dark Complexion, and pitted with the Small Pox, had on an old sandy Wig, a light double breasted Coat, with white Metal Buttons, and leather Breeches.

William Jones, of and from Shitlanger in the County aforesaid, Labourer, aged about Twenty-eight Years, about five Foot eight Inches high of a fresh Complexion, had on an old brown Wig, an old dark brown Coat and Waistcoat, and old Leather Breeches.

Nathaniel Jackson, of and from Pauler's Pury in the County aforesaid, Sawyer, aged about Twenty-five Years, about five Foot eight Inches high, of a sandy pale Complexion, and thin, had on an old short sandy Wig, a lightish close bodied Coat, and a dirty Pair of Leather Breeches.

Paul Cross, of and from Pauler's Pury aforesaid, Labourer, aged about nineteen Years, about five Foot four Inches high, full faced, of a fresh Complexion, light brown Hair, and inclinable to be fat, had on a white Drill Frock.

Edward Ratcliff, of and from Pauler's Pury aforesaid, Labourer, aged about Twenty-eight Years, about five Foot eight Inches high, full faced, of a fresh Complexion, shews his Teeth very much when he talks, and is very stout, has dark brown Hair, had on a dark close bodied Cape Coat, a Fustian Waistcoat and Breeches.

George Dimsey, (an Irishman) of and from Pauler's Pury aforesaid, Labourer, aged between Thirty and Forty Years, about five Foot four Inches high, full faced, curl'd dark brown Hair, his Left Eye almost out, and stoops very much, had on an Iron Grey Coat with Metal Buttons, and an old Pair of Leather Breeches.

James Roberts, of and from Towcester in the County aforesaid, Labourer, aged between Forty and Fifty Years, about Six Foot high, of a very dark Complexion, lank Black Hair, looks cross eyed, and is very thin, had on a dark Brown Coat with Metal Buttons, and an old Pair of leather Breeches.

Thomas Thorley, of and from Towcester aforesaid, Breeches Maker, aged about Forty Years, about five Foot six Inches high, thin Face, small Grey Eyes, pitted with the Small Pox, and very thin, had on an old dark Brown Wig, a light Brown Coat, an old White Flannel Waistcoat, and Leather Breeches.

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