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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies and Extracts, have been received from Lieutenant-Colonel Craufurd, by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Baumholder, June 1, 1796.

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship that Hostilities commenced Yesterday Morning at Half an Hour past Ten o'Clock. The Enemy attacked the Village of Walhausen, situated near the Source of the Nahe, and occupied by the Austrians as an Advanced Post; but they were repulsed, losing from Sixty to Seventy killed, and near Four Hundred taken Prisoners.

The Austrian General Schellenberg took Possession at the same Time of Kern, upon the Nahe. The Enemy made several unsuccessful Efforts to dislodge him from that Post, and sustained a considerable Loss. To-Day a Part of the Austrian Husars, and the Salkbourg Light Infantry, attacked and defeated One of the Enemy's Posts near Steinberg, towards the Source of the Blifs. There have been other trifling Skirmishes that are not worth noticing; in all which the Austrians have had the Advantage. In the Course of Yesterday and To-Day, their Loss has been Four Officers and between Seventy and Eighty Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

C. CRAUFURD.

Ober Mutschel, June 6, 1796.

ON the 4th and 5th Reports were received from Prince Ferdinand of Wirtemberg, who commanded the Corps upon the Sieg: They stated in Substance as follows.

The Two Divisions of the Enemy's Troops that were in the Neighbourhood of Duffeldorf, being considerably reinforced from their Army of the North,

marched towards the Sieg, and, after some severe Skirmishes, forced the Prince of Wirtemberg's Advanced Posts to quit that River on the 1st. His Serene Highness then took a Position at Crobach, near Hackenburg; having an Advanced Guard at Altkirchen.

On the 3d the Enemy attacked the Post of Altkirchen, and carried it with great Loss, after experiencing the most obstinate Resistance that it was possible to make. Nothing could surpass the Bravery displayed by the Austrian Troops, but they were obliged to yield to the great Superiority of Numbers, the Enemy having brought the principal Part of the Force which they had on the Right Bank of the Rhine against that one Point.

Head Quarters, Hockheim, June 10, 1796.

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that, on the 6th Instant, Prince Ferdinand of Wirtemberg, upon finding that the Enemy was manœuvring to turn his Right Flank, retired from the Synbach Rivulet to the Lahn, and took a Position near Limburg; having a Corps upon his Left at Nassau, and one upon his Right at Weilberg; the latter detached Five Squadrons of Light Cavalry to the Neighbourhood of Wetzlar, for the Purpose of observing the Enemy's Movements on that Side. The first Reinforcements that were sent to the Prince of Wirtemberg joined him on the 7th. Several other Troops have since arrived in the Position of the Lahn, and the further Progress of the Enemy is effectually stopped by the active and energetic Measures which the Archduke has employed upon this important Occasion.

General Jourdan, immediately after the Success of General Kleber against the Prince of Wirtemberg, threw Bridges over the Rhine at Neuwied, and he is assembling, with the utmost Diligence, the principal Part of his Army on the Right Bank of the Lahn. His first Intention evidently was to advance to Franckfort; but, as the Archduke has completely foiled