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From the Imperial Camp before Buda, July 28.

TH E 25th, the Enemy made a Sally upon the Brandenburgers with 1000 Men, but were beaten back; They returned presently after, and killed 15 of our Men, and then retired again; Not long after they came out again, and skirmish'd in this manner by Retreats and Salles for the space of four hours; on our side a Lieutenant Colonel and 100 Men were killed or wounded. The 26th, they made a Sally upon the Bavarians, but were repuls'd with Loss. Yesterday about 3 in the Evening we made a General Assault from the three Attacks, which lasted four hours with all the Fury imaginable, the Turks suffer'd us to advance to the Palisadoes, and then sprang several Mines, which destroyed a great many of our Men; But this hindered us not from pursuing the Assault, and at last we lodged our selves so well on the two Towers, and the Courtin, that it is not in the Enemies power to dislodge us; The Bavarians did the like on their side, and took three pieces of Cannon, and a Mortar. In this Action we had near 3000 Men killed or wounded, and divers Officers.

From the Imperial Camp before Buda, August 1.

We can now give you a more particular Account than we could in our last of the General Assault that was made on the 27th past. The Signal was given about 4 in the afternoon by 12 pieces of Cannon pointed against the Town on the side of Pest, whereupon, at the Duke of Lorraine's Attack, 40 Grenadiers, with a Captain, Lieutenant, and a Sergeant at the Head of them, followed with 50 Fuseliers, 50 men armed with Sickles, and 100 with Pickaxes, Shovels, and Bags of Work, under the Orders of two Captains, two Lieutenants, and other inferior Officers, advanced towards the Tower or Rondel on the Right, supported by 200 Musqueteers, with 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants, and other inferior Officers, this Attack being commanded by the Prince of Neubourg, Great Master of the Teutonick Order, and underphim by the Marquis de Negrelli General of Battalia, Colonel Keth, Lieutenant Colonel the Baron de Reder, and the Major of the Regiment of Staremberg; In the middle towards the Courtin 50 Grenadiers, 100 Fuseliers, with as many men armed with Sickles, and 150 with Shovels, Pickaxes, and other Instruments proper to make Lodgments, supported by 200 Musqueteers, with their several Officers at the Head of them, began the Attack under the direction of the Lieutenant General the Count de Souches, being assisted by Major General Diepental, Colonel Oettingen, Lieutenant Colonel the Count de Jorger, and the Major of the Regiment of Croy; There were posted 1200 Men for a Reserve in a Bottom near the Foot of the Breach under the Command of Major General Dingen, who were to advance by Files to fill the places of the killed or wounded, and fill the rest of the Infantry were ordered to advance as there was occasion, and the other General Officers were posted in several Places, so as that they might best perform their several parts; and see the Orders that were given put in execution. The Brandenburgers who attack the Rondel on the Left, were disposed in the same manner as were the Imperialists on the Right, and supported by Bodies of Reserve. The Heydukes commanded by Lieutenant General Javarin made a false Attack on the side of the Water, where a Breach had been made in the Wall, by the blowing up of the Magazine. In this manner the Officers and Soldiers with great Order and Courage mounted the Breaches, our Cannon, Bombs, Carcasses, Grenadoes, and small Shot playing at the same time upon the Enemy, which they returned with a shower of Arrows, Darts, Fire-balls, Grenadoes and Stones shot out of Mortars, and other Machines which they threw from the top of the Breaches; The havoc was terrible on both Sides, and the Fury and Bravery that was shewn in this Occasion cannot be expressed. The Enemy sprang 5 Mines or Fougades at the Foot of the Breach, and 4 above; with great Execution, which put our men twice or thrice into great disorder, whereupon the Duke of Souches advanced himself with his Sword in his hand to the foot of the Breach, to re-animat their Valor, where he was slightly hurt on the Leg with a Stone, and several were killed above.

him; Our Men seeing their General so near them, took new Courage, and at last forced the Turks to abandon the Great Tower and the Courtin, and began to lodge themselves there; The Brandenburgers having in like manner given on their side all possible proofs of their Courage and Bravery, made themselves Masters of the Tower on the Left. The Enemy endeavor'd to regain these Posts, firing very thick upon us with Small-shot, Grenadoes, Arrows, Fire-balls, and other Sulphurous Fire-works, which they threw among our Men, but we remained Masters of them; Never was there a more obstinate Defence, which lasted about 3 hours, but the greatest mischief the Enemy did us was with Stones shot out of Mortars, and with their Mines, and Bags of Powder, which they set Fire to when they retired from any Post.

We have not yet been able to make an Exact List of the killed and wounded; The most considerable were Monsieur d'Arcein, Adjutant General to the Duke of Lorraine, killed; The Prince de Comery, the Prince de Croy, General of the Artillery, Major General Diepental, Major General Dingen, the Baron d'Alti, the Count de Reder, the Count Schlik, Baron Grera, the Sergeant Major of Staremberg, and Sergeant Major Pini wounded. Of the Brandenburgers the Count de Dona, and Sergeant Major Marwitz were killed, and a Prince of Courland dangerously wounded. Of the Imperialists and Brandenburgers near 2000 were killed and wounded in this Attack.

The Elector of Bavaria having given the necessary Orders for the Attack on his side (where the day before 40 detached men had burnt the Palisadoes on the Breach) and the Signal being given, a Lieutenant with 20 Fuseliers, a Sergeant with 6 Volunteers and to Grenadiers, and then a Corporal with 6 Men armed with Pickaxes, advanced to pull down the Palisadoes that remained; these were followed by 100 Musqueteers who were to mount the Breach, and 100 Workmen with Shovels and Sickles, being supported by 50 Men with short Arms, 30 Grenadiers, and 200 musqueteers, and 3 Battalions of Imperialists, Bavarians and Saxons were appointed for a Reserve; They made their Attack on the Right and Left of the Rondel, and mounted the Breach with that Courage and Resolution, that notwithstanding all the Resistance of the Enemy, they not only gained that Post, but likewise possessed themselves on the Left, by the lower Gate, of the Swinger, a place between the Houles and the outward Wall, though it be commanded by the Castle, from whence the Turks threw Stones, Grenadoes, Bombs, &c. upon the Assaultants, who by the Enemies continual Fire, and the coming on of the Night, were hinder'd from advancing any farther, whereupon the Elector, who was present in the heat of the whole Action, and gave everywhere himself the necessary Orders, commanded them to make good their Lodgments on the Rondel, and the other Posts they had possessed themselves of. All the Soldiers of this Attack, as well Imperialists, Bavarians, as Saxons, behaved themselves with all the Gallantry that could be expected from brave men, and have not only retrenched themselves against the Town and the Castle, by making an oblique Line about the Rondel, but likewise by a Parallel, which they have drawn along the Courtin with a Branch leading to the Swinger, where, by the means of Gallions, they have also lodged themselves, and from whence they have Communication by Traverses with the Lodgments on the Rondel, and with two others on the two Sides, so that they are Masters of the Bridge and outward Gate of the Castle, the inward Gate of the second Wall being open, and abandoned by the Enemy, so that it is commanded by our Cannon. Prince Louis of Baden commanded under the Elector of Bavaria with great Courage and Conduct, Lieutenant General de la Verne, and Major General Apsremont, and the Duke de Scalona were wounded. Of the Imperialists and Bavarians 117 Soldiers were killed, and 972 wounded in this Attack, one Lieutenant Colonel and two Majors killed, and one Lieutenant Colonel and two Majors wounded, with several Captains and other inferior Officers killed and wounded. Of the Saxons 76 Soldiers were killed, and 150 wounded, and of the number of the latter is a Lieutenant Colonel and two Majors, with other inferior Officers killed or wounded.