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From the Imperial Camp before Buda, August 16.

**T**HE 14th instant, by break of day, we were informed the Grand Visier had detached from his Army a Body of Men, who descending from the Hills into the Plain, which separates his Camp from ours, passed it without opposition, and gained the Hills which commanded our Lines on the Right; their Number, as we have been since told by the Prisoners, was 6000 Janisaries, and 4000 Spahies, all chosen men, the Grand Visiers design was to force a way into the Town on the Right, while he drew up his whole Army in the Plain to attack our Left; or in case they failed therein, that they should retrench themselves upon the Hills, to inconvenience our Camp with their Cannon. The Duke of Lorraine perceiving it, kept the main body of his Troops to oppose those of the Grand Visier, and sent 7 Regiments of Horse with some few Hungarians to make head against the detachment upon the Hills. 'Twas here they charged us with several Volleys of their Cannon, and so furious a fire of their Janisaries, that the Hungarians and Croats who had the Vanguard, fell into disorder; upon which the Regiment of Taffe) at the head of which Mr. Fitz-James charged) advancing, came timely to their assistance, and with the help of the other Horse, forced the Enemy headlong down the Hill, with so great a slaughter that near 3000 of the Janisaries remained upon the place, and the rest, as we are informed by Deserters, chose rather to return towards the Bridge of Essecke, than to rejoin their Army; We brought back eight pieces of Cannon, above 30 Colours and Standards, and near 300 Prisoners; a more vigorous Action was perhaps never performed by Horse alone, with those disadvantages of ground and number. Having regained our first Post, after the pursuit of the Enemy, which we made the shorter, for that we knew not but that the main Bodies were engaged, the Hills separating us from the fight of what past on our Left. We found the Grand Visier had drawn his whole Army into the Plain, to which the Duke of Lorraine opposed his, but that they both stood at a respectful distance from one another. After our victorious little body of Horse had rejoined the right wing, the Enemy began to make several movements, which shewed more their uneasiness and irresolution, than any design to attack us, and having by degrees withdrawn all their Infantry to the foot of their own Hills, our right wing received Orders to advance towards some Bodies of Horse which approached to us, proportionably as we advanced they withdrew, till finding themselves at the foot of their Hills, and seeing that our right wing had by much out-marched the rest of the Army, they charged a small Body of Hungarians on our left, who yielding before them, had like to have discovered our Flank; and caused some disorder, but by the firmness of our Troops, and conduct of

our Officers, who immediately fronted some Squadrons that way, and covered our Flank, the Turks retired; and we at the same time, it being already late, received Orders to withdraw and return within our Lines. The next Morning the Enemy decamped, and removed 2 or 3 hours march farther off; The Deserters report, that three Bassa's were killed in the Fight.

From the Imperial Camp before Buda, Aug. 18.

The 15th, our Parties brought in several Turkish Prisoners, whom they found stragling up and down, and having reviewed the place where the Fight was on the 14th, they found the Ground covered with the Slain, and judged the Number could not be less than 3000. The Prisoners reported, that the Grand Visier was resolved to avoid a Battel, but to attempt by small Bodies to put Relief into the Town; That his Army was about 40000 strong, one half whereof were new raised Men, besides 8000 Tartars, who had Orders to destroy the Country round, and to harass the Imperial Army, with their Incurfions; That the Grand Visier was greatly incensed against the Serasquier for the ill Success on the 14th, and that he had caused 100 of the Spahis, who then abandoned the Janisaries, to be put to death. The 16th, we carried on our Attacks against the Town with great Vigor, and at the Duke of Lorraine's Attack we burnt the Palisadoes, with which the Enemy had secured the Breach, notwithstanding all their endeavors to hinder us, but the Night following they planted there new Palisadoes, and made other Works to defend the Breach; we continued our Mines, and other Preparations, for another general Assault. The Bavarians did the like at their Attack, and with their Cannon beat down part of the Tower within the Castle. It was on their side that the Besieged made a great Sally during the Fight on the 11th, but they were repulsed by the Regiments of Baden and Aspremont, and many of them killed. The 17th, we again burnt the Enemies Palisadoes, each Man employed therein having a Reward of 12 Crowns; but finding that behind these others were planted in a double Row, the Storm that was then intended was put off; the Enemy appeared in a considerable body on the Breach; and in a short time had put other Palisadoes in the place, where the former were Burnt, the same day, we raised a new battery of Six pieces of Cannon to beat down the Palisadoes; and the Enemy sprung a Mine on the side of the Brandenburg Attack, but with more prejudice to themselves than us. This day all things were again ready for a storm, but the two Mines we sprang not throwing down the Enemies Palisadoes as was expected; it was not gone on with. We have planted 4 pieces of Cannon more upon the new Battery and play now with 19 upon the Palisadoes, and to morrow or next day we shall make a new Effort to lodge our selves on the Breach. This day a Deserter came into the Camp, and reported that the Grand Visier was retired to Erschin four Miles, from hence, where he