

The Duke de Beaufort being unwilling to be an idle Spectator of that days Action, offered 1500 men out of the Fleet to that service, and to play upon the Enemy with his ships, which should come up within Musquet shot, and though he was much pressed to the contrary, put himself into the head of the French Forces, and was willing to receive Orders from the General.

That day the General having intelligence that all the Turkish Horse which were in the Kingdom, were advancing towards the place, resolved to put his design into speedy execution, and tak'g that night a view of the Rear of the Enemies Camp, upon which he intended to fall, and upon the Fort *Demetrius* by which he intended to sally; after a Council held, entred upon Action.

First marched out 400 Commanded men, with 50 men with Granadoes at the head of them, and after them 3 Troops of Horse, Commanded by Monsieur *Dampier*, then followed the Regiments of *Gaures*, *St. Valier*, *Lorrain*, and *Bretagne*, with 4 Troops of Horse upon the wings, led by Messieurs *Montagne*, *Fonsac*, and *Grance*; the Regiment of *Harcourt*, *Conti*, *Lignieres*, *Rosan*, *Monpezata*, *Vendosme*, made up the Reserve, Commanded by Monsieur *de Choiseville*, and 4 Troops of Horse upon the wings, besides a party of 50 of the Kings Musqueteers, and 100 Reformed Officers were placed between the first and the second Line to be ready upon all occasions; the forces which came from the ships were ordered at the same time to fall upon the left side of the Trench of the *Sabionera*, and Monsieur *Colbert* a Marshal of the Camp ordered to assist them.

In this Order and with wonderful silence they marched out and undiscovered, drew up in Battaille near the Enemy in a little Plain which led into their Camp; it now beginning to be day, the Commanded men which were within Musquets shot, were fired at by the Enemy, whereupon the General Commanded Monsieur *de Dampier* with the assistance of some of the Guards to fall upon two Redoubts in the head of the Quarter, which was done with such courage and success, that they presently took them, and put to the sword all that made any resistance; The Enemies Lines were then entred and possess'd by the Regiments *St. Valier* and *Lorrain*, and the Commanded men with the Companies of Guards, pursuing their Victory, beat the Enemy out of their Trenches, and out of all their Works, so that hitherto we had all the success imaginable; although we had not above 300 of the 1500, expected from the ships, nor any of the Venetian forces sent to our assistance, or the Pioneers promised to throw down the Enemies Works, for which they had a fair opportunity.

The Enemy having quitted the Camp, drew up upon a rising on their right hand, and made as if they intended to charge us, which the General seeing, marched himself at the head of his forces and twice beat them from their station, but they rallying again, he charged them the third time so home, that he gained from them the place where they drew up.

After this happened an accident which ruined the whole success of this days service, for some Powder, Mortar-pieces and Granados happening to take fire upon a Battery that was possess'd by the Guards, forced them to quit the place in some confusion, but then fancying that the Enemies Mines were taking fire under them, they with much terror fled away disorderly, notwithstanding all the Arts of Monsieur *Castellan*, who endeavoured to rally them; into the same disorder fell the 300 men which came from the ships, and were not to be stop'd by Monsieur *d'Almeras*, who employed all his power to oblige them to make a stand.

This disorder gave courage to the Turks, who began a fresh to charge us, the Admiral and Monsieur *Colbert* having joyned with the first Battallions, with the 50 Musqueteers, made a stout resistance, beyond what could be expected from so small a body, but by the terror which was imprinted generally upon the forces were obliged to a Retreat, which might have turned to a farre greater loss, had not the General made good a Courcin which much favour'd the Retreat.

Our body of Reserves was invested by several forces which after a slight skirmish only which pass'd at the Bastion *St. Andre*, were sent to the assistance of their Companions in the *Sabionera*, who likewise followed the ill example given them, and retired with disorder.

The General shewed much courage as well as Conduct in this days disaster, and with 3 or 4 Gentlemen only made good his Retreat, passing through a body of the Enemy; but if all parties had acquitted themselves according to what was at first designed, might in probability have that day put an end to the Siege.

A Trooper escaping from the fight informs us, that flying from the Enemy, he found the Duke *de Beaufort* on foot so much hurt, that he had not strength to get up behind him, and that for some time he endeavoured to carry him off, drawing him after him by the arm, but the Enemy overtaking him, forced him to leave him to their mercy, where he was presently killed.

Our whole loss in this days service amounts to about 600 men, kild and rendred unserviceable. *A more particular of which, and of the whole Action is now in the Press.*

The perlon dispatch from *Candia* with this Relation went thence the 27th of July, three days after this sally, affirming that the Duke *de Navailles* intended within 4 days after his departure to make another sally upon the Enemy, finding his Forces with the Garrison would amount to about 13000 able fighting men.

Paris, August 20. His Majesty being informed of the death of the Duke *de Beaufort*, has conferred his Charge of Admiral of France upon the Count *de Vermandois*, his Natural Son, and during his Minority, will have it executed by Commission.

Deal, Aug. 12. Here is lately put in a ship from the *Streights*, who upon her return home met with several men of war of *Algiers*, who dismasted her without any disturbance.

Advertisements.

THe Officers of the Receipts of His Majesties Exchequer having paid the 1151 Order in number Registered on the Act for 1250000 l. shall proceed to the payment of the ensuing Orders to that number, as the remaining Money of that Act, and the remains of the first Month of the Eleven Months Taxe shal come in.

The said Officers are also come to the payment of the 1205th Order Registered on the Act for the Eleven Months Taxe, and will proceed to the payment of the subsequent Orders to that number as the Money shall be brought in.

THese are by Order of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to give notice to all whom it may concern, That their said Lordships will be ready on the 11th of October 1669. at 3 in the afternoon, to receive propositions from any person or persons for the Farming or Collecting His Majesties Duty arising by Fire-Hearths and Stoves in England and Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Twede, either in one Farm or Collection, or by several Counties and Places from the 29th of September next inclusively.

These are farther also by the same Command to give notice to all whom it may concern, That whereas their Lordships do intend to receive Propositions upon Munday the 11th of October next, for Collecting or Farming His Majesties Duty arising by Fire-Hearths and Stoves, that the intention is not to disturb or interrupt the late Farmers of that Duty in the Collection of any Aerecars due upon their Farms to the 25th of March last inclusive.

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