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Whitehall, February 13.

This Day arriv'd here the Lord Forbes from Barcelona, with the following Account.

THE Siege of the Castle of Cardona having continued above a Month, the Marschal Staremberg form'd a Design for Relieving the Place; and pursuant thereto, on the Seventh of December, N. S. he detach'd four hundred chosen Grenadiers from the Army under the Command of Colonel Edward Stanhope, to join Lieutenant-General Pathee at the Bridge of Matagorega, who had been thereabouts during the best part of the Siege, with a Detachment of two thousand Men from our Army, together with the Miquelets and Volunteers, to lay hold on any Occasion that should offer of succouring the Place. On the Eighteenth, Colonel Stanhope, with his Detachment, join'd Lieutenant-General Pathee; the same Day Count Traun likewise arriv'd with the Marschal's Directions. The Nineteenth, and part of the Twentieth, was spent in the necessary Preparations for the ensuing Action. The Twentieth, at Five in the Evening, all our Detachments began to march towards Cardona in the following Order

The Cavalry, with the Husars and Volunteers of Casanova, commanded by Baron Albee, were order'd to possess themselves of the Plain of Plantada, to hinder the Enemy's Cavalry from passing the Bridge of St. John; after these march'd Colonel Stanhope, with four hundred Grenadiers and a hundred and fifty Foot; Count Guel accompany'd him as Volunteer, and had also the Command of two hundred Grenadiers more; the Miquelets follow'd these to the number of four hundred, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Geschwint; after whom came all the Provisions for the Castle; and in the Rear of all march'd the remainder of our Detachment, consisting of eight hundred Foot, and two Battalions, one of the Regiment of Geschwint, and the other of Oshabroug, commanded by the Colonels Schonbourg and Roharr, together with five hundred Imperial dismounted Dragoons, commanded by Colonel Beaufort; Lieutenant-General Nabet, with a good number of Miquelets and Volunteers, march'd by the way of the Redoubt on the Hill of Colomana, and join'd the Lieutenant-Colonel of Schonberg's, who had with him four hundred and fifty Foot, for to attack the Redoubt. The Twenty-first, at Five in the Morning, Count Guel, with his Detachment of two thousand Grenadiers, march'd to attack the Posts which the Enemies possess'd on the Heights above their Camp, on the side of the Escorial. Colonel Stanhope march'd at the same time to attack those Posts in another Place, and made himself Master of them, after a very warm Dispute, in which we took Prisoner Count-Melon, one of the Enemies Brigadiers, who soon after dy'd of his Wounds. Upon the loss of this Post, the Enemy immediately form'd twelve Companies of Grenadiers, and four Battalions in the Plain of the Escorial, and attack'd our Grenadiers on the Hill with so much Resolution, that they put them into great Disorder; but Colonel Stanhope, with the few that stood firm, defended the top of

the Hill with the utmost Bravery, till the Officers he had sent to rally the Men, had brought them up again; and then he attack'd the Enemy with push of Bayonet, that he drove them precipitately down the Hill, killing four hundred of them on the spot, and twenty two Officers; but in this Engagement he receiv'd a mortal Wound, of which he dy'd on the Twenty-third. His remarkable Bravery in the Defence of this Post, was esteem'd as a principal Occasion of the happy issue of this important Affair: During this Dispute, General Nabet, with his Twenty, carry'd a Redoubt on the Colomana; the Enemy endeavour'd to re-take it, but were repuls'd with great loss. The Lieutenant-Colonel of Schonberg, that was of Nabet's Party, at the same time attack'd that Post which was on the other side of the Escorial, and carry'd it with great slaughter of the Enemy, and march'd immediately from thence to join Colonel Stanhope, who had repuls'd the Enemy before. Lieutenant-General Pathee finding our several Attacks to succeed so well, march'd up the remainder of his Detachment, to make good the Post we had taken. The Twenty-sixth, at Noon, the Detachment design'd for the Succour of the Castle began their march towards the Place, each Soldier carrying a quantity of Provision or Ammunition on his back; Colonel Roharr at the same time advanced with four hundred Foot, under the favour of the fire of the Cannon of the Castle, to possess the Heights on the other side of the River, where the Enemy were post'd with four hundred Foot, two hundred Grenadiers, and four Pieces of Cannon; General Nabet advanced likewise on one side, with four hundred Miquelets, and Colonel Beaufort on the other, with three hundred dismounted Dragoons, to attack them on either Flank; but the Enemy abandon'd their Posts and Cannon, without any resistance, upon the first appearance of these Troops, Colonel Roharr having made himself Master of the Post, the Succours enter'd without further impediment. The Enemy by this time had made a second Attack upon our Grenadiers on the Hill with the same Troops that attack'd them the Day before; but were again repuls'd and drove over the River, with the loss of six hundred Men; the Colonel St. Martin, and several other Officers were taken Prisoners: Upon which the Enemy assembling together from their several Encampments, march'd off leaving behind them fourteen Pieces of Battering-Cannon, four Field-pieces, and four Mortars, with all their Ammunition, Tents, and Baggage, and all their Sick and Wounded, amongst whom was a Colonel and several Field-Officers; and besides these, they lost in the two Days Action above Two thousand Men, besides Officers. We, on our side, had not above Two hundred Men and Three Officers kill'd. General Nabet, with his Miquelets and Volunteers, pursued them, and did them considerable Damage till they join'd their Army on the Twenty-fourth, about which time our Detachment likewise join'd our Army. The Twenty-fifth, about Two in the Morning, the Duke of Vendosme taking the Opportunity of a thick Fog (which is common in those Hills from Mid-night till Mid-day) march'd off with his whole Army, leav-