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*From the Camp of the Russians commanded by Felt-Marshal Munich, near the Rivulet Billorskie, July 24, O. S.*

**O**N the 23d Instant in the Morning, the whole Army being in March, the Don Cossacks surprized a Party of about 50 Tartars, taking 8 Prisoners, and putting all the rest to the Sword; this happened in our Rear; our Avant-Guard, commanded by Quarter-Master-General Fermer, had, by Eleven a-Clock, got through some Defiles and Woods which lay betwixt us and a Tract of uncultivated open Country extending about 15 Versts, almost to the Dniester. General Fermer seeing a numerous Body of the Enemy moving towards him, halted, and immediately advertised the Felt Marshal of it. The Felt Marshal was marching up towards the Avant-Guard, having for some time observed Troops upon Eminences, which they call Crugars, and are mostly artificial Mounts thrown up in several Parts of the open Country, and designed heretofore we suppose for Monuments or Sepulchres for the Dead. By the Time the Felt Marshal got up, our Cossacks and the Enemy's advanc'd Tartars were skirmishing: He immediately formed the Avant-Guard into a Square, covering three Sides with Waggon and Chevaux de Frise, and likewise ordered up from one of the Grand Divisions the Prince of Bevern with three Regiments; which were scarcely got up, before the Enemy, consisting of Turks and Tartars to the Number of about 15000, who had been likewise all this Time forming, began to march as if determined to attack us. The Felt Marshal having got his Disposition completed, and all the Baggage of the Avant-Guard within its Square, ordered our Cossacks and some of our Calmucks, who had during this Time been skirmishing, to retire, which they very nimbly doing to Right and Left, he commanded General Levendall to salute the Enemy with our Field Artillery; which he did to so good Purpose, that they changed their proposed Attack into a Retreat; our Cossacks and Part of our Hussars hung on their Rear, and continued skirmishing, till again the great Body of the Enemy began once more to advance; whereupon immediately the Felt Marshal moved out of the Square in three Columns, which afterwards extending themselves, he marched on towards the Enemy, the Hussars and Cossacks being ordered to pursue them close, should they retire, which they very soon did, without letting us approach them; however, our Hussars and Cossacks kept skirmishing in their Rear. The whole Body of the Avant-Guard and

other Divisions now moving on, at some Distance from each other, the Felt Marshal kept marching till he pitched his Tent after Sun-set on the same Ground where the Enemy had formed. We found several of their Horses dead in the Field, but their killed and wounded we plainly saw them carry off; we had several wounded in the very Square, but few killed; some wounded just by the Felt Marshal; his Adjutant General, who goes Express from him with Advices of what has pass'd to the Czarina, had his Horse shot under him close by his Side. The Turkish Army is said to consist of 40000 Turks and 50000 Tartars: We are within 10 Versts of the Dniester, and shall soon attempt to pass it: We are informed the Turks have on the other Side of the River 100 Pieces of Cannon, yet our Generals are under no Apprehension that they will prevent our crossing it. We are about 70000 Regular Troops, and 100000 Cossacks, Calmucks, and other Attendants on the Army, which Attendants are daily exercised with their Pikes, Pistols, Guns or Sabres; all which, with some regular Troops are appointed to guard the Squares that are constantly surrounded with Waggon and Chevaux de Frise, whenever it is thought proper for all the regular Troops to march out, who are always formed four deep. As for our Artillery, it is believed there never was any better served, or in greater Order; nor can any Army make a more warlike Appearance, or shew more regular useful Discipline; in an Alarm whole Regiments turn out almost as soon as Picquets. As the Carriages for our Baggage, and for our Provisions to subsist near 200,000 Persons some Months, are very numerous, they are disposed in the several Parts of the Army in the most proper Manner for Security and for Service.

*Petersbourg, Aug. 15.* Last Thursday Night another Courier arrived at Peterhoff, with Letters dated the 27th of July, by which Felt Marshal Munich informs her Czarish Majesty, that on the 26th his Rear Guard, consisting mostly of Cossacks, had been attacked by 20000 Turks and 30000 Tartars, who, after losing a great many Men, were forced to retire, and leave the Felt Marshal; who continued his March to the Banks of the Dniester, where he is posted right against the Place where the Turks are incamped on the other Side. It is said the River is fordable in that Place, which is the Reason the Turks have made Breastworks to defend the Passage, and the Russians are raising Batteries to destroy the same, in order to pass over and attack the Turks, and from thence march to Bender, which is but 40 Versts off.