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*Extract of the Journal of the Russian Army under the Command of Feldt Marshal Laszy.*

**O**N the 1st of July the Feldt Marshal left Summa, in pursuit of the Enemy to the River Kymen, where he arrived at Night, and found they had already got to the other Side, having burnt the Bridge. They posted themselves there advantageously, the River being wide and deep, having raised several Batteries on the rising Grounds, from whence they made a great Fire: On this Account the Feldt Marshal could not form his Camp quite close to the River, all the Ground lying open on that Side, but he remained in the Wood waiting for his Artillery. After it came up, on the 2d of July, the Feldt Marshal placed it in the properest Manner, and returned the Enemy's Fire, who, after we had demolished their Batteries, shifted their Cannon to different Places, which lasted near 12 Hours, in which Time we had 30 Men killed and wounded. The Enemy's Loss was in all likelihood much more considerable, as we fired with Hautbes charged with small Shot. When we had, under favour of our Cannon, begun to throw over our Bridges, the Enemy retreated three Wersts farther back, behind a second Arm of the River, which is twice as wide as the former, and there also they burnt their Bridge, after they had passed it. The Precipitation, with which they made this second Retreat, appears, in that they left behind them in their Camp 12 Chests full of Ball. This second Arm of the River is also called Kymen, the same River dividing itself into three different Beds. On the 3d of July the Feldt Marshal himself reconnoitred the Swedish Camp, formed in a Crescent, the Avenues of which was furnished with Batteries. A Detachment of the Enemy with four Pieces of Cannon appeared on an Eminence, but one sent from the Feldt Marshal put them to flight. The Feldt Marshal afterwards determined to advance to the Enemy with a great Part of his Army, the Desfilés preventing it from moving altogether; and the 5th in the Morning this Detachment being approached to the Banks of the said second Arm of the River, perceived that the Enemy, after having burnt their two Bridges and a Neighbouring Village, were retired towards the third Arm, which is not above one Werst distant from the Second. The said Detachment having gathered together the Remains of the burnt Bridges, built another, which they passed instantly over, tho' with some Difficulty; and the Feldt Marshal himself passed over at their Head in a Boat which was found thereabouts. He posted himself in the Redoubt abandoned by the Enemy, where he found almost all their Batteries entire. He soon learn'd, that the Swedes had already passed the

third Arm, where they had also burnt the Bridges, and left in their Camp many Arms and much Ammunition, which is a Mark of their great Precipitation. We shall pursue them with all possible Diligence. A Prisoner whom we took the same Day made the following Report,

That being newly arrived, he did not know exactly the Strength of the Swedish Army, but that it was reckoned to consist 14 or 15000 Men. That some Cannon and other Things had been sent to Helsingfors. That he heard there were a great many sick, and that he was told by his Companions, as if there was an Order from the King to return with all the Regiments to Sweden, and that to that End they were hastening to arrive at Helsingfors, where the Ships in the Neighbourhood were ordered to be ready. That the Soldiers of the Finland Regiments said they would go no farther than Helsingfors, from whence they would all return home; that the Inhabitants of the Country, with their Wives, Children and Cattle, followed the Army, and that they had taken from several of them, by Force, their Horses for drawing the Baggage and the sick, and that Orders were given for setting on Fire all the Villages upon the Road.

That on the 4th of July Count Lewenhaupt had sent forward all the Baggage of the Army, and that he followed after with the Army, leaving a small Detachment in the Camp, with Orders to light in the Night great Fires in divers Places to conceal their Retreat, which Detachment joined him afterwards, having burnt a neighbouring Village belonging to General Wrangel on the other Side of the second Arm of the River; that he was taken by the Hussars, not being able to follow fast enough. He reports further, that there are on the Road to Abbathus, as he had heard, between 6 and 7000 Men both Horse and Foot, but does not know under what Command; that he believes those Troops will also be obliged to go to Helsingfors, and that he never heard that there were any more Troops in all Finland. As to the Fleet and the Gallies, he does not know where they are, but he suspects they must go to Helsingfors to take on board the Army, in order to transport it to Sweden; that he has heard nothing in the Army concerning a Peace, but that he knows that all the Troops are exceedingly desirous of it.

*List of the Artillery found in Fredericksham.*

- 10 Brass Cannon; 6 of 24 Pounds, and 4 of 18.
- 103 Iron Cannon; 3 of 18 Pounds, 8 of 12, 11 of 6, 81 of 3.
- 9 Iron Mortars.
- 947 Barrels of Cannon and Gun Powder, each of 40 Pounds Weight,

12 Chests

( Price Two-Pence. )



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