

Whitehall, June 23, 1743.

This Morning Mr. Parker, one of His Majesty's Messengers, arrived at the Duke of Newcastle's Office with the following Letter from the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret to his Grace.

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MY LORD,

HIS Majesty (God be praised) has this Day gained a very considerable Battle. The French passed the Mayn at this Place, with about Twenty-five Thousand Men, and have been forced to repass it with considerable Loss. I write this from the Village near the Field of Battle, which the French were in Possession of; by which Means we have secured our Conjunction with the Hessians, and Hanoverians, in Number above 12,000, which are within two Leagues of us; and to intercept whom, the French made this hazardous Attempt, which has failed them. His Majesty was all the Time in the Heat of the Fire; but is in perfect Health. The Duke received a Shot in his Leg, which pierced the Calf of his Leg; but the Bone is not hurt: He is very well, and in high Spirits. I must refer the Particulars of this great Affair, till To-morrow, or next Day. General Clayton is killed; and we have taken several General Officers Prisoners, and many Officers of the French King's Household in their fine Cloaths. The Army lies all Night under Arms. I am in a Cottage with Marshal Neiperg. The Austrians behaved themselves with great Gallantry: The Duke d'Aremberg is wounded with a Musquet-Shot in the Breast. This is a good Beginning of the Campaign, the Emperor's Auxiliaries having received a very considerable Check; and they were the Aggressors.

I am ever, with the greatest Truth, and Respect,

MY LORD,

P. S. The Hanover Artillery has had a considerable Share in this Victory. The Battle began at Ten in the Morning, and lasted to Four; when the Enemy repassed the Mayne with Precipitation.

Your Grace's

most humble,

and most obedient Servant,

Carteret.