

Day before as well as Kolin, both the one and the other having been evacuated by the Prussians with great Precipitation.

Upon the 21st the combined Army marched to Schischelitz, a little Town about a League from Teinitz: Prince Charles lodged there, and the Duke fixed his Quarters at Gontschitz, which is very near it. Lieutenant Colonel Schulenbourg was posted with a Detachment of Infantry at Clumez, and 1000 Horse at Kladrub, General Nadafti near the Village of Piseck, and General Ghylani upon the left of the Elbe at Lunydanky. The Pandours were posted in the Town of Kolin. The Prussians are encamped about a German Mile from us, with their Right towards Wossitz, and their Left at Wischerowitz, 8000 of them being posted at Starzwoda. Pardubitz is now guarded by 400 Prussian Foot, and 30 Hussars only. They have sent the rest of their Troops, as well as the seven Battalions from Kolin, 1 from Teinitz, and 2 from Nimbourg, towards Koenigstattel, where they reassembled with two Regiments of Horse, the Whole under the Command of Lieutenant General Nassau, making a Shew as if they intended to take the Road towards New Biczow. The two Pulcks of our Tartars under the Command of the Lieutenant Colonels Sihodzinski and Wilczewski are posted on that Side to observe their Motions, and General Nadafti has an Eye upon the Road which they shall take, in order to harass them. Col. Blendowski is posted at Mapno, to reconnoitre the main Body of their Army.

Upon the 22^d the Combined Army remained in their Camps near Schischelitz. Baron Ghylani confirmed our Advices concerning Pardubitz, adding, that according to all Appearances, the Prussians would abandon it as soon as possible, after having made all the Havock there which they had threatned. Some Prussian Deserters, who continue to come in in greater Numbers than ever, brought Advice, that Yesterday the Corps from which they deserted, had encamped near Koenigstattel; that the Artillery from Kolin, consisting of 60 Cannon of 12 Pounds and 8 Haubizes, had been conducted some Days before to Pardubitz; that the Troops which had quitted Nimbourg, Kolin, Teinitz, and Podiebrad, made in all 12 Battalions, two Regiments of Dragoons, and a Party of Hussars; that they were directing their March towards Klemeschitz; and that Lieutenant General Nassau with his Troops was taking the Road by New Biczow, in order to push towards Koniggratz, with a View to rally again with the main Body of the Army. They are unanimous in the Account they give of the bad Condition of their Army, in which Want of Provisions, Sickness and Desertion continue still upon the same Foot. In general, all Advices agree in the great Precipitation with which the Enemy is retiring since our Passage.

Upon the 23^d the Combined Army decamped from Schischelitz, and after a March of a German Mile, which was very troublesome upon account of the swampy marshy Land, encamped in the Neighbourhood of Clumez, where the two Chiefs fixed their Quarters that Day. Advice was received, that the Enemy had set Fire to the Suburbs of Pardubitz, destroyed the Bridges, and thrown, as they did before at Nimbourg, the Provisions into the River. Col. Buccow sent Word, that at one o'Clock last Night he had taken Possession of the Town, and that his first Endeavours were to extinguish the Fire, and to save what the Flames had spared. The News from the Prussian Army was, that the main Body of their Army was encamped the Day before in such a Manner, that the left Wing extended to the Village of Liebitschan on the Right of the Elbe; where the King's Quarters were, and that the Right was posted towards the Town of Nechanitz, near the little River of Bistritz; this last Motion having been made in order to facilitate the Junction of the Corps under Lieutenant General Nassau, which was advanced as far as New Biczow, by forced Marches, and with great Precipitation. Colonel Wilczewski adds in his Relation, that as well Men as Horses were exhausted by their speedy Retreat: Colonel Blendowski sent Advice, that the Enemy having divided their Troops into two Columns, one was marching directly to Glatz, and the other was taking the Road to Smirschitz, marching Day and Night.

Upon the 24th the Combined Army remained in the Camp of Clumez. A Major and 18 Cuirassiers were sent in, whom Colonel Blendowski had made Prisoners, having taken them as they were going to Forage. Lieutenant General Ghylani, who has quitted his Post at Lunydanky, in order to repass the Elbe, and harass the Enemy in their Retreat, at the same Time sent in a Cornet, whom his Hussars had taken upon the like Occasion.

The Deserters, which come over to us in great Numbers, report, that the Sickness in their Army is so much increased, that in every Company of Foot, 40, and in every Troop of Horse, from 12 to 15, were sick: That as to the rest, their Retreat was so precipitate, that the Troops had been obliged to march 36 Hours at a Stretch.

Warsaw, Nov. 21. The Dyet at Grodno sat till the 16th at Night, when the limited Time for its Continuance expired, and then broke up without coming to any Resolutions.

Hambourg, Dec. 1. We hear that the Convoy is arrived at Gluckstadt with the Ships from England, consisting of 12 Sail, of which nine are Hambourgher Bottoms, and three British.

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