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**C**OUNT Castiglione, preceded by 12 Postilions and four Postmasters, arrived here Yesterday with the News of a second Victory obtained by the Austrians in the Neighbourhood of Placentia, of which he gave the following Account, viz. The Imperial Army near Placentia having received Advices from the King of Sardinia, of his Majesty's having passed the Lambro with his Army, and of the Enemy's remaining in their former Position on the said River, and that his Majesty intended to attack them there in two Days Time, strong Detachments were immediately sent up the Po, and to the Adda, to harraß them at the same Time that his Majesty should begin the Attack. But early on the 9th those Detachments gave Notice, that the Enemy had joined all their Vessels upon the Po together, six and six, provided with Parapets, and loaded with Grenadiers, and were busy in making of Bridges with them, which were accordingly perfected in such Manner, that their whole Army began to pass over them the same Day, in Hopes of reaching the Stradella unperceived, and of continuing their March unmolested towards Tortona. This caused the two Detachments on the Upper Po, under Generals Serbelloni and Gorani, to post themselves in such a Manner, that they might narrowly observe and harraß the Enemy, in Case they should be supported by the Army. Upon these Advices, the March of the Imperial Army was immediately ordered, and executed in such a Manner, in the Night between the 9th and 10th, that the first Regiments began to attack the Enemy at Four o'Clock in the Morning, and took a Cassine on the great Road towards Tortona, notwithstanding the Strength of the Enemy there; by which their Design of Proceeding towards that Place was frustrated, and they prevented from making themselves Masters of the Eminences upon our Left, which reached as far as the Stradella. At Eleven o'Clock at Night on the 9th, a Cannon was fired from the Town of Placentia for a

signal, that the whole Enemy's Army had passed, in Consequence of which we perceived their Bridges near Placentia, which were filled with Bombs, as also their Tête de Pont, to blow up. As the Enemy could not in these Circumstances go back again, they resolved to employ their whole Strength in recovering the Cassine which we had taken from them: In order to which, their Troops were obliged to defile before a Battery of 24 Pieces of Cannon which we had erected; where they suffered extremely from the Cartridge Shot with which those Guns were charged; but however, by their Numbers they recovered the said Post on the Road. But we having planted our heavy Artillery on an Eminence commanding that Cassine, soon took it again; after which the Enemy continued the Battle with great Obstinacy till Three in the Afternoon, when we drove them over the River Tidone. We took from them nine Pieces of heavy Cannon, and 11 Colours and Standards. During the Action the Enemy detached some Companies of Grenadiers towards the Stradella, in order to take Post there. His Sardinian Majesty upon Notice of this, immediately repassed the Lambro, and sent a Van Guard towards Pavia, and another towards Parpanasso, to endeavour to rebuild the Bridge there. But it is much doubted whether these Detachments will have been able to overtake the Enemy upon the Road to Tortona. General Nadasti is ordered to summon Placentia, where the Enemy is said to have left 400 Men to guard 7000 Sick and Wounded, together with their whole Artillery, and all their Magazines. And according to the last Accounts, that Town was capitulating. The Prisoners and Deferters give out, that they have lost more in this Action than in that of Placentia. We had, when Count Castiglione set out, 700 private Men and 51 Officers in our Hands. We are not yet sure of the Loss on our Side, but it is thought to be about 3000 killed and wounded. General Bernclau, who lost his Life by his extraordinary Bravery, is very much regretted. There were 300 of the King of Sardinia's Cavalry in this Action, who distinguished themselves

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