

On the 27th in the Evening the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick marched with 6000 Men towards Lubeke, and, in the Morning of the 28th, dislodged the Enemy, who occupied this Pass. The 29th he marched to Rimsel, where he was joined by General Dreves from Osna-bruck. The Hereditary Prince then advanced the 30th towards Hervord, and on the 31st posted himself at Kirchlininger, which was in the Road of the Enemy's Convoys coming from Paderborn. Prince Ferdinand, with the Grand Army, made a short March on the 29th on his Right towards Hille; General Wangenheim remaining with a Body of Troops in the Camp of Thonhausen. Some Battalions of Grenadiers, with the Light Troops, were left on the Right Side of the Weser, to observe the Army under the Duke de Broglie. It was soon observed, that the Enemy were not inattentive to these Dispositions. In Effect, Marshal Contades came to attack us on the 1st of August. The Battle begun at Five in the Morning, and ended by the Retreat of the Enemy about Noon. They attacked General Wangenheim briskly, without making the least Impression on him. Prince Ferdinand came up instantly with the main Body of the Army; and the Heat of the Action was then turned upon our Right. The British Infantry, who were there, as well as the Hanoverian Guards, performed Wonders. Every Regiment, that was engaged, distinguished itself highly, and not a Platoon in the whole Army gave Way one single Step during the whole Action. The Particulars thereof cannot yet be given. A considerable Number of Prisoners have been taken, among which are the Comte de Lutzelbourg, and the Marquis de Monti, Marchaux de Camp; and M. de Vogué, Colonel; and many other Persons of Distinction. The Prince de Camille is among the slain. Twenty-five Pieces of Cannon, Ten Pair of Colours, and Seven Standards, have been taken. M. de Contades passed the Weser in the Night between the 1st and 2d, and gave Orders for burning the Bridges. Prince Ferdinand entered the Town of Minden on the 2d at Noon, the Garrison having surrendered themselves Prisoners of War. The Enemy take the Route of Hesse: They burn and pillage all the Towns and Villages upon quitting them. The same Day an Engagement happened between the Hereditary Prince and M. de Brissac, of which the following is a Relation.

*Coveldt, August 2.* The Body of Troops, under the Command of the Duc de Brissac, encamped, on the 31st of July at Night, with their Left to the Village of Coveldt, their Front to the Werra, and their Right towards the Salt-Pitts: That Body was judged to consist of 7 or 8000 Men. Their Position was inattackable in Front, and there was no other Way to come at them, but by surrounding their Left; for which Purpose the following Dispositions were made. Three Attacks were formed; all of which were to depend on the Success of that on the Right. The Troops destined for that Attack consisted of a Battalion of Diepenbroick, two of the Brunswick-Guards, 200 Volunteers, and four Squadrons of Bock Dragoons; the four Battalions of Old Zastrow, Behr, Bock, and Canitz, and one Squadron of Charles Breitenbach, with all the heavy Cannon, composed the Center; the left was formed of three Battalions, Block, Dreves, and Zastrow, and of four Squadrons of Busch. The Troops of the Center were designed to

keep the Enemy at Bay, whilst those of the Right should surround their Left; those of our Left were to march to the Bridge near the Salt-Pitts, in order to prevent the Enemy's Retreat to Minden.

The Hereditary Prince marched with the Right; Count Kielmansegge was in the Center; and M. de Dreves and Lt. de Bock brought up the Left. We set out at Three o'Clock in the Morning from our Camp at Quernam. The Enemy, on their Part, likewise intended to attack us: As soon as Count Kielmansegge had come out of the Defile of Beck, the Enemy presented themselves before him; and a Cannonnade began on both Sides. The Right was to pass the Werra, in order to turn the Enemy's Left, at the Village of Kirchlinger, upon a very narrow Bridge. This Difficulty however was in some Measure removed by the Spirit of the Troops, the Infantry fording the River partly behind the Horsemen, and partly in Peasants Waggon.

By the Passage of the Werra, the Position of the Enemy was entirely changed; the Fire of the Artillery was brisk on both Sides, and lasted for two Hours, though ours had always the Superiority. At last, upon our showing ourselves upon their Rear, they immediately gave Way, and, in filing off, came upon the Skirts of M. De Bock, who received them with a Discharge of Artillery, which was well supported. At last, finding themselves entirely surrounded, they had no other Resource but in Flight. Five Pieces of the Enemy's Cannon, with their Baggage, are in our Hands.—The Number of the Prisoners taken is not exactly known, but we believe there are five Officers among them. Lieutenant-general Kielmansegge deserves the highest Commendations. M. Otte, Colonel of Old Zastrow's, distinguished himself greatly at the Head of his Regiment, and repulsed the Enemy's Cavalry, that fell upon him, with a considerable Loss. Our Loss is very slight. Captain Wegner of the Artillery is wounded in the Leg; to him, and to Major Storck, is owing the good Service we had from the Artillery.

*The following List has been received of the Killed, Wounded and Missing in His Majesty's Six Regiments of British Infantry, and Artillery, in the above-mentioned Battle of Thornhausen.*

*12th Regiment. Major General Natier.*

*Killed.* Lieut. Falkingham, Lieut. Probyn, Lieut. Townshend, 4 Serjeants, 1 Drummer, 77 Rank and File.

*Wounded.* Lieut. Colonel Robinson, Capt. Murray, Capt. Clowdesly, Capt. Campbell, Capt. Lieut. Dunbar, Lieut. Fletcher, Lieut. Barlow, Lieut. Lawless, Lieut. Freeman, Lieut. Campbell, Lieut. Rose, Ens. Forbes, Ens. Parkhill, Ens. Kay, 11 Serjeants, 4 Drummers, 175 Rank and File.

*Missing.* Capt. Chalbert, Capt. Ackland. 13 Rank and File.

*20th Regiment. Major General Kingsley,*

*Killed.* Capt. Frierson, Capt. Stewart, Capt. Cowley, Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Norbury, Ens. Crawford, 1 Serjeant, 79 Rank and File.

*Wounded.* Capt. Grey, Capt. Parr, Capt. Tennent, Capt. Lieut. Parry, Lieut. Luke Nugent, Lieut. Thomson, Lieut. Donkin, Lieut. Boswell, Ens. Erwin, Ens. Dent, Ens. Renton, 12 Serjeants, 212 Rank and File.