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WHITEHALL, May 11, 1745. *An Account of the Action between the Allied Army and that of France, near Tournay, on the 11th of May, N. S. With the Number of the General and other Officers, private Men, and Horses, that were killed, wounded, and missing, in the said Allied Army.*

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THE Enemy opened their Trenches before Tournay the 30th of April last, at Night, and as they employed a very great and unusual Number of Workmen, the Siege advanced so fast that there was no Time to be lost; but whatever was to be done towards obliging the Enemy to raise it, was necessarily to be put in Execution immediately.

The Generals of the Allied Army looked upon the raising of this Siege as a Point of the highest Concern; and his Royal Highness the Duke, the Marshal Konigsegg, and the Prince of Waldeck, resolved therefore to attempt it, tho' the Enemy was advantageously posted, as well as superior in Number. With this View the Army marched the 9th from Moulbay, and encamped that Evening with the Right at Bougnies, and the Left at Monbray within little more than Musket-shot of the advanced Post of the Enemy.

The Generals went in the Evening to observe hem, and could easily discern several of their Squadrons, which were separated from our Army by a Country divided by a little Rivulet on our Left; and by Under woods, Copices, and Hedges, which they had filled with Pandours and Grassins, and supported them by several little Squadrons drawn upon a Plain, which rose by an easy Ascent to within a little Distance of their Camp, which was situated at the Top of that Rising, beginning at Antoin, leaving the Village of Fontenoy in their Front, and extending itself towards their Left near a large Wood, which was beyond the Village of Vezen towards the Centre of our Right. This Village was also possessed by the Enemy, and covered by small Squadrons placed at little Distances from each other.

As we could not get into the Plain between their Camp and the Defiles on our Side, without first driving them from all their Posts; and as it was then late, it was resolved to put off this Attempt 'til next Morning. Accordingly on the 10th, 6 Battalions and 12 Squadrons, with 600 Pioneers, 6 Pieces of Cannon, and 2 Haubitizers, were commanded from each Wing for this Service, which was performed with great Ease, the Enemy having been driven every where to the very Top of the Rising near their Camp, where they stood drawn up, as well to observe, as to cover the Dispositions they were making behind that Line; his Royal Highness, the Marshal, and the Prince, went

upon the Plain, and having examined the Ground, we return'd in the Evening to our Camp, after we had seen the Enemy burn a little Village somewhat short of Fontenoy, which they had fortified. We left the Detachments at the Posts they had taken, and Orders were given for attacking the Enemy next Morning.

His Royal Highness ordered that the Army should march at 2 in the Morning; and being inform'd that there was in the Front of the Village of Vezen, near the Wood, a Fort mounted with Cannon, where 5 or 600 Men might be lodged, he ordered Brigadier Ingoldby, with 4 good Battalions and 3 Six Pounders, to attack this Village sword in Hand, while the Prince of Waldeck should attack the Village of Fontenoy, which he had undertaken to do. Lieutenant-General Campbell was ordered to cover the Infantry of the right Wing, which was commanded by Lieut. General Ligonier, whilst it should be forming, with 15 Squadrons, by extending himself along the Plain from the Wood, towards the Village of Fontenoy. But General Campbell having lost his Leg by a Cannon Shot, this Disposition, which had been trusted to him, did not take Effect. However, General Ligonier formed the 2 Lines of Infantry, quite exposed, without any other Interruption from the Enemy than a brisk Cannonade, which did great Execution; 'til by Order of his Royal Highness, he cauged seven Pieces of Cannon to advance at the Head of the Brigade of Guards, which soon silenced the moving Batteries of the Enemy.

The Army was now in Order of Battle, and General Ligonier acquainted his Royal Highness by an Aid de Camp, that he was now ready, and, if he approved it, would march to attack the Enemy, as soon as Prince Waldeck should march to the Village of Fontenoy, as had been before agreed between them.

The Fort near the Wood should now have been attack'd, and if that had been done, as his Royal Highness ordered, it would in all Probability have been carried, which would have greatly contributed to our further Success. But by some Fatality, Brigadier Ingoldby did not attack the Fort, notwithstanding the repeated Orders sent to him by his Royal Highness and General Ligonier.

When our 2 Lines were drawn up in very good Order, with the Cavalry behind them, his Royal Highness put himself at their Head, and gave Orders to march directly to the Enemy. Prince Waldeck mov'd at the same Time to attack Fontenoy, which the left Wing did, but without Effect; and during this March there was a most terrible Fire of Cannon. We advanced nevertheless to the Enemy, and received their Discharge at the Distance of 30 Paces before we fired. Then Things had a very good Appearance, and there was a fair Prospect of a complete Victory; for our Infantry bore down all before it, and the Enemy