

PRINCE EUGENE'S

LETTER to the Emperor's Ambassador at the Hague,
From Luzara, August 16. 1702.

I Signified to You by my last Journal, That the Enemy distributed Ammunition to their Troops on the 13th, and prepared to March next day, so that I doubted not but they designed a Battle; They accordingly attempted it; and I had Notice that on the 15th about 10 in the Morning they began to March, and were advanced as far as Luzara: Upon this I ordered my Cavalry to mount, and my Infantry to March, and came to this place in Order of Battle, having made all necessary Preparations for a vigorous defence; but, having made a great March in a little time, I was obliged to make a new Order of Battle: In the mean time the Enemy approached nearer and nearer, and we came to engage in a General Battel, which was determined to the Advantage of the Emperor, my most Gracious Sovereign; and to the Glory of his Invincible Arms.

My want of time will not allow me to write you further particulars, but I have dispatched Adjutant General Uhelen with an Express to the King of the Romans at Landau, and have ordered him to send you this by an Express from Augsburg or Inspruch. I pray you to impart my Letter to Count Wratislaw and other Ministers, with assurance that by the next ordinary Courier I shall send them a more ample Relation of this Signal Victory, which reflects so much Glory on the Emperor's Arms, and shall specify the Number of our Dead and wounded. The Prince de Commerci is among the former, and much regretted for his known valour, and that his Imperial Majesty hath by his death lost a General, who on all Occasions gave Eminent Proofs of his valour, to the great Loss of the Enemy.

In the mean time, I shall acquaint you in short, That this great Action began about Five in the Evening by our Cannon, and in an hour after by the Fire of our small Arms, and thereupon my Right engaged the French throw an inexpressible fire, and both Officers and Soldiers, Horse and Foot, fought with such valour, Resolution and Intrepidity, that I can justly say to the Immortal Honour of the Imperial Armie, I never saw the like. We knew well enough our own weakness, and the Enemies Strength, notwithstanding which we attacked them in their advantageous Post, and chased them out of it; and are now Masters of their Camp, and of their Slain and wounded; the latter of which we have transported. Our Right pursued the Enemy above a Mile, and charged them on all sides; and that which is most remarkable is, that the Enemy had all the Advantage of the ground, which was every where full of Cuts and Ditches. In the mean time tho they founded their Hopes upon their great Numbers, and their mightie Preparations to attack us in our Camp: The Matter hath fallen out quite contrary to their Expectation. The Gallantrie of our Left is not to be forgotten, for both Horse and Foot behaved themselves with inimitable Courage, and not being able to come at the Enemy with Sword in Hand, they drove them from their Entrenchments by their Fire Arms, and wholly routed their Gens d' Arms. I continued to play upon them with my Cannon all this day also, and being within Musket shot of them, should have come to a second Battle, but that they retired in the Night abandoning their Camp, and all that was in it; and have now entrenched themselves so, as it is impossible to attack them. Since it hath pleased GOD to bless Us with such a Glorious victory, I thought it my Duty to return Thanks to Him by a Solemn Te Deum, with which being now taken up, I conclude and remain, &c.

