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in their camp. For, on the 5th, about nine in the morning, their infantry, which had drawn nearer, upon the rising grounds, towards the Prussian camp, filed off to the right, and the whole army was put in motion; a large body of cavalry at

vancing on a full gallop towards our flank. The Duke, however, gained time sufficient for forming the two Imperial regiments of cavalry on the first line, and those of the Empire on the second, by disposing the flank in front. Himself in person led on the two former regiments to the charge, and attacked the enemy with so much bravery, that we could see the two parties, for a considerable time, engaging hand in hand. At length the Imperial cavalry began to penetrate through them; but the enemy's cavalry, much superior in number to ours, found means to surround them; however, they recovered their order, and, in conjunction with the French cavalry, repulsed the enemy four times. The Marquis de Castrees signalized himself on this occasion, and received two wounds on the head from a sword.

The Prince of Saxony, in the mean while, put himself at the head of the infantry, and the officers of the French army having proposed to him to attack that of the enemy in columns, with bayonets fixt, his Serene Highness expressed his satisfaction at so vigorous a resolution, and conducted in person the regiment of Piedmont within 30 or 40 paces of the enemy; but the terrible fire which they made at once of their artillery and musquetry, obliged that brave regiment to retreat; and instantly such an universal panic possessed all the troops, that it was impossible to stop one single battalion or squadron. Our general in chief, as well as the Prince de Soubise, the French commandant, took all imaginable pains to rally the troops, but to no purpose; they were all quite overwhelmed with terror. It was therefore concluded, to contrive how to secure a retreat. The night favouring us, the combined army profited of that circumstance, and retired to Freiburg, and afterwards over the Unstrut."

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