

“ After this success, a part of the enemy's right took a second position in a wood about half a mile from Dilworth, from whence the second light infantry and chasseurs soon dislodged them, and from this time they did not rally again in force.

“ The first British grenadiers, the Hessian grenadiers, and guards, having in the pursuit got entangled in very thick woods, were no further engaged during the day.

“ The second light infantry, and second grenadiers, and fourth brigade, moved forward a mile beyond Dilworth, where they attacked a corps of the enemy, that had not been before engaged, and were strongly posted to cover the retreat of their army, by the roads from Chads-Ford to Chester and Wilmington, which corps not being forced until after it was dark, when the troops had undergone much fatigue in a march of seventeen miles, besides what they supported since the commencement of the attack, the enemy's army escaped a total overthrow, that must have been the consequence of an hour's more day-light.

“ The third brigade was not brought into action, but kept in reserve, in the rear of the fourth brigade, it not being known before it was dark, how far Lieutenant-General Knyphausen's attack had succeeded; nor was there an opportunity of employing the cavalry.

“ Lieutenant-General Knyphausen, as had been previously concerted, kept the enemy amused in the course of the day with cannon, and the appearance of forcing the ford, without intending to pass it, until the attack upon the enemy's right should take place. Accordingly, when it began, Major-General Grant crossed the ford with the 4th and 5th regiments; and the 4th pressing first, forced the enemy from an intrenchment and battery, where three brass field-pieces and a 5-inch and a half howitzer were taken, that had been placed there to command the ford.

“ The enemy made little stand on that side after the work was carried, when the guards appearing on their right flank, the retreat became general; but darkness coming on, before