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being seconded by a well served artillery, and by the cavalry, that charged them in flank, the allies killed or took upwards of a thousand out of the twelve hundred, that had been detached from Wesel on this service. This action discouraged the French from making any further attempts upon the Hereditary Prince, during this campaign.

M. Broglio's intention.

But M. Duke de Broglio was continually seeking to gain some advantage over Prince Ferdinand, after the detachment of the corps under the Hereditary Prince. The French marshal would have been glad to force his Serene Highness to a general engagement, but he could not deceive him by stratagem: and the allies were too well fortified to be compelled. Therefore Broglio contented himself with the destruction he could make, without opposition, in the open country by detachments, which ravaged the defenceless where-ever they reached. M. de Stainville was detached with a considerable body of troops, to penetrate into Hanover; who, after his action with Major Bulow^{*}, advanced to Halberstadt, demanded 1,500,000 livres contribution-money from that capital, which had been exhausted by former exactions; received 30,000, and carried off hostages to the French grand camp near Cassel, for the remaining sum.

Prince Ferdinand attempts Gottingen.

After this, the French fell back to Gottingen. This movement induced Prince Ferdinand to advance as far as Hurste, where he established

* See page 368. Vol. III.

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