

LETTER of the Hereditary Prince of Orange to the States of Holland and West-Flanders.

*" High and Mighty Lords,*

" I have the honor at present to make a report to your High Mightinesses, that the enemy yesterday again attacked the wood of Tilleul. Soon after day-break they attacked the advanced posts; and, in a moment, the fire became general along the whole chain.—By their great superiority, being, according to the report of officers who are prisoners, more than four thousand men; they succeeded so far as to drive in the advanced posts; but soon after, they were repulsed with loss, by the valour of our troops. Col. Van Haake, who commanded the troops by which the wood was defended repaired directly to the la Fleche, which had been raised the same night, but which was not half finished, and which was defended by a four pounder; but by the second attack of the enemy, which was done with the greatest impetuosity, he found that this gun had been carried off. However, the enemy, who had already made themselves masters of it, were repulsed a second time. But, as they were resolved at all events to get possession of the wood of Tilleul, they made a third attack; and, as they advanced each time with fresh troops, our people much fatigued, with much difficulty sustained these repeated attacks. We had the good fortune to repulse them a third time, with charged bayonets, seconded by the Chasseurs of Anspack, and to remain masters of the field.

" Notwithstanding a cross fire of heavy artillery, with ball and grape shot, which the enemy made during these attacks, their loss was greater than ours, which consisted of 13 killed, and 19 wounded, whilst the French left more than 60 dead on the field of battle, and carried off a great number with them.—We have taken prisoners, a Chief of Brigade, a Captain, a Sub-Lieutenant, and 24 Soldiers: A Lieutenant Colonel and Captain on their side were wounded.

" Colonel Van Haake, whose conduct deserves every praise, extols much the valour and perseverance of the troops who were engaged in this action, particularly of Lieutenant Colonel Monin de Rosignés, of the Walloon Grenadiers, and of Captain de Hayden, of the Chasseurs of Anspack, not knowing by name the other Officers whose bravery he observed on this occasion. " Head Quarters at Gentreuil, 14th Oct. 1793.

(Signed)

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SECOND LETTER.

*" High and Mighty Lords,*

" I have the honor to inform your High Mightinesses, that the French army, by reports 70 or 80,000 men strong, under the command of General Jourdan, attacked yesterday, 15th October, in three columns, the Imperial army of observation; but was repulsed. The right wing and center of the Imperial army had the advantage the whole time, and pursued the enemy into the hedges of Avesnes, behind the villages of St. Val, St. Vaast, and Moncheaux; but at the commencement of the action, the position of the left