

ment, was taken prisoner, and the remainder of the troops obliged to retreat with precipitation. In giving an account of this defeat, in a letter to the Minister at war, General Custine says he was prevented from putting an end to his own existence, only by reflecting that the army of the Republic would thereby have been sacrificed.

MANHEIM, *April 2.*

Authentic intelligence has been received, confirming the retreat of the French to Landau. A part of them threw themselves into the fortress, while a part is ranged under the cannon. The Imperial and Prussian troops are pursuing and fighting them already on their own territory. The head quarters of the Austrians is at Spitz, where a great number of wounded and prisoners are daily arriving* from the French territory. The French have also set fire to their magazines at Spitz, but the inhabitants got it under before it could do any material damage. The Prussian head quarters are at Guntersblum.

His Prussian Majesty is expected to reach Worms to-morrow.

A brisk engagement took place in that quarter a few days ago, when the French had a great number of men killed, and between eight and twelve hundred made prisoners.

The Landgrave of Hesse Darmstadt was here yesterday, while several thousand of his troops were stationed in the neighbourhood, who were to join the Austrians beyond the Rhine.

General Kalkreuth is marching through Deux Pönts to cross that river likewise.

The army which now invests Mentz, which cannot hold out long, is commanded by the Prussian General Kalkstein.

Upper Rhine, April 1. General Wurmser passed the Rhine last night between Keisch and Brühl. At the same time 5,000 men of the troops of Hesse Darmstadt, conducted by the Landgrave in person, passed the River at Feidenheim, at the distance of a league from Mannheim. At eleven o'clock yesterday morning the Prussians entered Worms, while the Austrians took possession of Spitz. We are informed that Custine is at Landau, and that General Wimpfen has been conducted thither from Mentz under a strong escort.

The beautiful Hungarian regiment of Barco hussars, which distinguished itself so much during the last war against the Turks, filed off on the 30th of last month through Frankfort. The first battalion of Spleny Hungarian infantry, which has been on march since the 20th of December last, arrived a few days ago at Witzburg and Mutzenberg: it is to proceed to Cologne.

Frankfort, April 1. General Neuwinger, who has been taken prisoner by the Prussians, was brought hither this day with some more Frenchmen, and several pieces of artillery.—The General has five wounds, none of which, however, are dangerous. He lodges at the inn of Wiedenhof. The day before yesterday the Prussians were posted near Pledersheim, at the distance of a league and a half from Worms. Custine has collected his troops near that place, towards Kheindurkheim; the French have retired from Oggersheim and Frankenthal, after setting fire to their magazines. They have carried off almost all the artillery which they had near Hemskof and
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