THE LATE WAR.

play beyond the Rhine; or on the adjacent part of the coast of France, for the same purpose.

Be this as it may; the check received by the Hereditary Prince at Campen, difabled him, for this feafon; and after our court received advice thereof, the troops, which had been embarked, and lay wind-bound at Spithead for fome days, were ordered to difembark, to the great furprize Difem. and difguft of the nation, which expected great bark. and glorious efforts to be made by an armament furnifhed out with fo great parade and expence.

. The French, now flushed with this petty ad- A French vantage, ried every engine to improve upon the detachcircumstances of the allied army. M. de Castries, tack the Hereditary finding that the Hereditary Prince was refolved Prince. to remain in the neighbourhood of Schermbeck, to watch an opportunity to renew his expedition beyond the Rhine, detached a ftrong body to beat up his quarters. The Prince being informed of the defign, called in his advanced pofts, and prepared to give them a warm reception. He aban- Defeated. doned the tents in the front of his camp, and posted his infantry in ambuscade behind those in his rear, with orders for fome regiments of horfe and huffars, to fetch a compais, fo as to fall upon the back of the enemy. This answered the Prince's expectation. The French, meeting with no refistance, and with a deferted camp, as they imagined, threw off their guard, and ran, in great diforder, to pillage the tents. But in the height of their fecurity and plunder, the infantry fallied from their ambush with great impetuosity, and VOL. IV. Ee being

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