

by whom we are informed, that his Excellency on the 1st instant, had opened a parallel, running along the glacis of the fortresses of Belgrade, towards the left of the Save, only 150 paces distant from the covered way, by means of 2000 pioneers and 300 peasants, notwithstanding three sallies on the part of the enemy.

On the 5th, the ditch was nearly filled with fascines, and most of the artillery in the fortresses dismantled, so that our troops could make their approaches nearly to the head of the covered way. All the materials for bringing mines under the capitals of the two bastions, and those for demolishing the raveline, were also prepared.

On the 6th, all the batteries, whether of cannon or mortar, were ready to play on the besieged; and at eight o'clock they began to act with prodigious effect. About twelve the enemy's fire became slack; so that their troops were chased by our men from the covered way, while the bombs and hand grenades set fire to different places of the fortifications.

At noon the Pacha requested an armistice of fourteen days to consult the inhabitants about the surrender of the place. This was, however, denied, and our fire continued with redoubled vigour.

On the 7th, the Pacha wrote a letter, in which he begged a suspension of hostilities for a few hours; this was accordingly agreed to, and four Turks of distinction having arrived in our camp, a Lieutenant Colonel and two Majors were sent on our part into the fortresses to hear the proposals of the Governor.

12. General Klebeck arrived here this morning with dispatches from Marshal Laudohn, dated from the camp before Belgrade, containing the joyful and interesting news of that fortress having been taken possession of by the Imperial troops on the 8th instant, on which day, Osman Pacha seeing that he could no longer resist our victorious arms hung out the white flag.

The General, who was dressed as a courier, immediately on his arrival waited on the Emperor, who, although in bed, on hearing that he came from Belgrade, immediately rose, and recollecting him notwithstanding his disguise, asked with great emotion what news? When this officer announced to him the capture of the important fortress his satisfaction was unbounded.

At twelve o'clock, General Klebeck, preceded by four officers belonging to the post-office, and twenty-four postillions on horseback, paraded the principal streets of Vienna, in his way to the residence of the

Field Marshal Count de Haddick, President of the Council, to whom he made a report of the victory.

During the procession, the populace assembled in prodigious numbers, and shouted 'Long live Laudohn the father of his country.'

The joy that prevails at present in this capital, is inconceivable; a general illumination is to take place this evening; and a tradesman, who has the brave, old, and victorious Generalissimo for his sign, is making extraordinary preparations to celebrate the recent triumph of his hero.

The Emperor, to testify his approbation of the conduct of Marshal Laudohn, has permitted him to wear the order of Maria Theresa; set with brilliants (an honour never enjoyed before but by his Imperial Majesty), and has sent him for this purpose, the diamond cross worn by his own father, and also his cordon richly studded with jewels.

The following are the terms of Capitulation granted to the enemy, which, considering the situation of the fortresses, are extremely favourable:

Article 1.—Since God, from all eternity, has decreed that this fortress shall be taken, it is demanded on the part of the Pacha, Governor of Belgrade, that all the ammunition and provisions belonging to the Grand Signior, specified in the schedule annexed, shall be preserved for his use, and that none of the Imperial troops shall interrupt the Ottoman garrison, nor seize their arms, nor insult or molest them in any manner whatever.

Answer—Notwithstanding the garrison refused the propositions formerly made by me, and do not merit either favourable or honourable terms, I am resolved in consequence of those sentiments of moderation and humanity so conspicuously displayed on all occasions by the Emperor, my august master, to observe the same towards his enemies.

* I therefore agree that the garrison shall be permitted freely to depart, carrying with them their property and their families, on condition, however, that they preserve and faithfully deliver up, all the effects belonging to the Grand Signior, consisting of the artillery, ammunition and warlike stores, as also the sacks, and other vessels of war, provisions, forage, and treasure, and that they also discover all the mines, fortifications, &c. &c. either above or under ground.

Provided also, that the Upper Fortress be immediately evacuated, and that the works thrown up before the gates facing the road that leads to Constantinople, and those opposite the river, be demolished.