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Various were the effects of this miscarriage. The reception this news met with at home, will remain

3d, had, on the 4th, landed at St. Briac a body of 12 or 13,000 men, he dispatched couriers to the several commanders in that province, to march towards St. Briac with the troops under their several commands, except the garrisons of Belle Isle, L'Orient, Port Louis, and the Garda Costas of Nantz.

Those troops, which were cantoned near Brest, began to move the same evening, and proceeded directly to Lamballe: where, on the Duke's arrival on the 6th, he learnt, that the enemy had pitched their camp between St. Briac and Dinant, and had posted detachments at Ploubaly and Pleurtin, two leagues from Dinant. On this intelligence, he ordered the troops, which M. d'Aubigny had brought from Treguier, and which had reached Lamballe by two forced marches, to proceed the same evening to Dinant. On the 7th it was occupied before noon.

The 8th, in the evening, the Duke learnt that the enemy, who had left their camp at Briac that morning, were marching to the right in order to reach the Guildo, and pass it next day at a ford about a league from Plancouet. Upon this he determined to harraßs them upon their march.

The 9th, the enemy passed the Guildo, and encamped between St. Jeguhel and the wood of Val.

The 10th, at break of day, the enemy arrived at Matignon, and encamped. The regiments of Bourbon, Brissac, Bresse, and Quercy, who arrived the night before at Lamballe, advanced from thence to Henan, a league from Matignon. The Count de Balleroy joined them there with two squadrons of dragoons, and took the command of this column. The second battalion of the regiment of Penthièvre advanced from Jugen to Plancouet, and Messieurs d'Aubigny and de la Chastre had orders to join them and pass the Guildo. About noon the Duke de Aguilhon came from Henan, with a large detachment, to Matignon, to reconnoitre the position of the enemy, whom he found very advantageously situated, and inexpugnable on that side.

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