

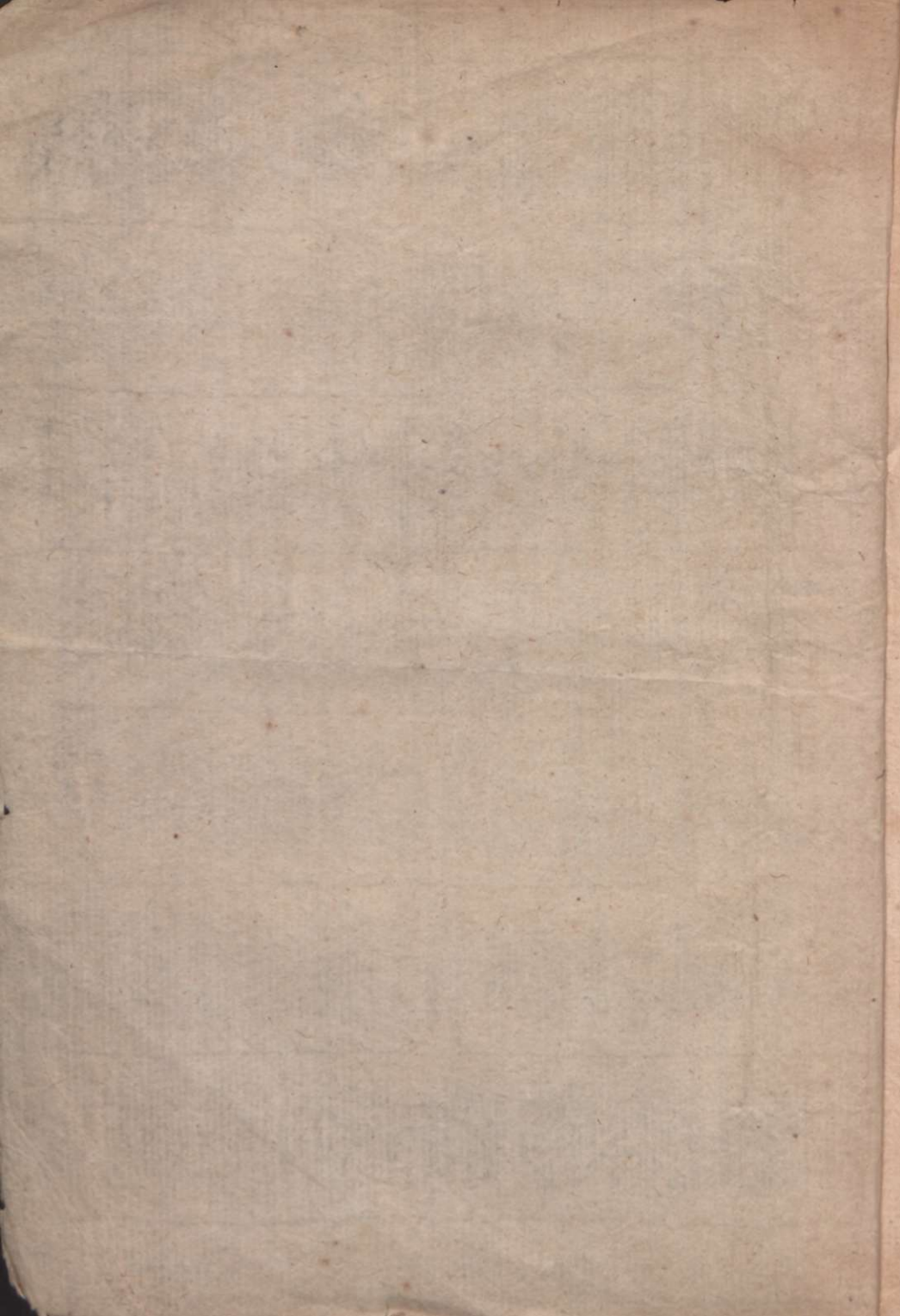
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A Copy of a

LETTER

Which the *Conde de Ville Flor* General of the *Portugues* Army wrote to his Majesty of *Portugal*, giving him an account of the Success in the Battel, immediately after the gaining it.

BY a Letter of this instant, I gave account to your Majesty how the Enemy rose from their Camp, retiring themselves, and I endeavoured to follow them, with an intent

tent to give them Battel, putting my self be-
 fore them: I directed my march to *Estre-
 mas*, where I overtook them the 8th current;
 the Enemy had possessed a much higher
 Post, which is called the *Canal*, a League
 from the Town: I resolved to set upon
 them, gaining the Post which they posses-
 sed; and disposing my self to this, I gave
 the command of the *Vanguard* to *Alphonso
 Turtoda de Mendoza*, who was also assisted
 by the General of the Artillery, *Dⁿ. Luis
 de Moses*, and the second line to the *Corde de
 la Torre*; in the right wing of which, he
 was assisted by the General of the Horse,
Denis de Mello de Castro, accompanied
 with the *Maestro de campo General*, *Pedro
 Jacques de Megellanez*, and the Lieutenant
 Generals, *Dⁿ. Juan de Silva*, *Dⁿ. Manoel de
 Atayde*, and *Luis de Acosta*, and the Commis-
 saries General *Juan de Ocrato*, *Mattias de A-
 cunia*, and *Duarte Fernandez Lobo*. In the left
 wing of the Horse, the General of it, *Manoel
 Freire de Andrada*, with his Lieutenant Ge-
 neral, *Dⁿ. Martin de Ribera*, and the Com-
 missaries General *Gomes Freire*, and *Dⁿ*

Antonio Maldonado. And drawing from the first line of the *Vanguard* the Regiment of the *Maestro de Camp Juan Turtado de Mendoza*, and a Regiment of English (who in the whole occasion did wonders) supported by some Squadrons of Horse, I commanded to attack the Posts of the Enemy, keeping the men in the same order of Battle. The Enemy easily extended their Posts, and resolved to possess others higher and harder to come to; and because when the first were taken, it was very hot, and the men much wearied with their March, it appeared convenient not to go forward, without taking some rest, so I made a halt; and seeing that the Enemy began to retire at the same time, I resolved that the Generals of the Horse *Denis de Mello*, and *Manoel Freire* should set upon the Reregard, which was in a plain, and that the lines of the Army should march in favour of the Horse, and do that which the occasion should suggest to them. The General of Horse *Denis de Mello* ordered the attack with all the Horse,

Horse, leaving only on the left wing five Squadrons to the disposition of the Commissary General *Mattias de Acunia*, the Ground being very rough, and the Enemies Horse making a stand on the other side. Marching so towards the Enemy, there began a fight of much dispute, receiving and giving of each side very hot charges. Our Word was *Our Lady of the Conception*, who assisted us in all parts; for at the same time that the Generals of the Horse assaulted the Enemy by the left wing, *Alphonso Turtado de Mendoza* with the first line of the Vanguard, accompanied with the General of the Artillery *Dⁿ Luis de Mendeses*, got up by the most difficult part of the Mountain, to assault the Regiments of Foot that were upon it, and with obstinate charges, drove them off from both the heights. After which came forward the *Conde de la Torre* with the five Battaillons, that were under the Commissary *Mattias de Acunia*, and all of them driving at the dislodging the Enemy, did, (as was to be hoped of such persons)

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The Superiour and Inferiour Officers doing wonders never seen before; and in the same manner the Souldiers, who with admirable constancy persevered in the uttermost danger, till they had got the better. In all that the Foot did, the *Maestro de Campo* General, the *Comte de Shomberg* did assist with great application and care, disposing of what was necessarie with the *Serjeant Major di Battaglia Juan de Silva de Sosa*, and with the Lieutenant Generals *Ant. Tavares de Pina*, *Pedro Cravero de Campos*, and *Fernand Martines de Saicus* (who died upon the place) applying present remedies to all that was necessarie.

Our small number of Horse fought obstinately with great numbers of the Enemies, which the General *Denis de Mello* endeavoured to break with much valour & address, under the protection, of a Reserve which was commanded by the Lieutenant General *Dⁿ. Manoel de Aiaide*, who with the *Commissary Juan de Arato* did wonders, by the firmness with which he stood, with a great loss of men on both

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fides, as could not but be in so hot an occasion. In fine, after many hours of continue fighting, the Lines advancing, and now there being no more Foot to help them, but the Regiment of the *Maestro de Camp Bernardo de Miranda Henriques*, whom I kept for the last remedie, our Hor'se being in great danger, and much shattered by the many wounded, after so many hours fight, and some Souldiers having retired themselves weary of it, I sent to succour them by the said Regiment, who with the *Serjeant, Major De Battaglia, Diego Goms de Figueiredo*, whom I had kept by me to apply the succour where there was most need of it; so that arriving and beginning to give the charge, the Fnemie quickly began to be undeceived, after to retire themselves, and presently to flye, extending themselves by that part of the Campagne (as I had done in the rest) which they had possessed with their Foot and Artillery, with which the Victorie presently declared it self on your Majesties side, our Officers and Soldiers having performed in this occasion most

valiant

valiant actions, and never seen before.

Here came off hurt on our side, the General *Manoel Freire de Andrada*, after he had killed many *Castilians*, the *M^{rs}. de Campo Simon de Sosa*, *Manoel de Sosa de Castio*, *Diego de Suanes de Almeida* was killed.

All the Souldiers, and some Officers which were made Prisoners at the Surrender of *Buo. a*, and which the Enemy was carrying away in their Armie, got their libertie. The loss of the Enemy is such, as your Majesty may see by the list of the Prisoners of greatest account, which goes along with this. The number is incredible, which for the brevitie of this time, I cannot yet know; and besides the loss of their Men and Horse, there were gained also 3000. Carts, 8000. Beasts loaden with Munition, 12 pieces of Canon, and 2 other Pieces, 16000 Oxen, 13 Coaches, many Ovens of Bread; *Dⁿ Juan's* Standard, his *Secretaria*, and all the Furniture of his Chamber, so that he, and the *D. de Sⁿ German*, hardly escaped with their persons.

Your



Your Majesty ought to command that thanks be given to all the Officers of the Army, for their valour shewed in this occasion, which was greater than can be represented to your Majesty, or that ordinarily happens; and let not your Majesty think this expression an hyperbole, for it is a pure truth, for having overcome an Army, with it's total rout, disposed into Posts, which were every one a Fortification. Of which Victory I give your Majesty the Parabien, at whose feet I hope to see quickly the Monarchie of *Castille* surrendered up.

El Conde de Villa Flo

Your

The List of the Prisoners of Note
which have hitherto been
discovered.

THe Marquis de *Eliche* Conde Duque de
St. Lucar.

The Maestre de Campo D^o. *Juan Henriques.*

The Maestre de Campo Conde *Fiasco.*

The Maestre de Campo D^o. *Angelo de Gusman,*
Son to the Duke de *Medina de las Torres.*

The Coronel Conde de *Bull.*

The Maestre de Campo Don *Estevan de An-*
gulo.

The Maestre de Campo Conde de *Escalante.*

The Coronel Conde de *Ferez.*

Phelippe de Laquer, Captain of Horse.

The General *Gasper Martines.*

The Conde *Ludovico Trosqui,* Captain of
the Guards.

Don *Antonio Montenegro,* Commissary Ge-
neral of the Horse.

Don *Juan de Novales,* Commissary Gene-
ral of the Forces of *Milan.*

The Commissary General *Valador.*

Don Garcia Sarmiento, Captain of Horse,
and Secretary to the Duke de St.
German.

The Serjeant Major *Don Felipe Roxo*
Don Alvaro de Guinones.

Don Francisco de Escovar, Captain of the
Regiment of Portugal

Don Thomas Puccino.

Don Angelo Carafa.

Don Ascanio Dodino.

Don Gustaccio Gramaccio.

Don Alvaro Montila.

Don Angelo Cosinano.

13. Captains of Foot. 9. More reformed.
15. Engines. 8. More Reformed. 20. Ser-
jeants. 7. Quartermasters. 3000. Com-
mon Souldiers. 2500. More, hurt. And
there are many more, but for the part with
which the Courior parts, they cannot be
specified; and of the other particulars,
there will be a more ample Relation.

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