

Murray: Disposition
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Immediately, and the Major at that place to receive Orders from the Col: who commands the Escort of the Baggage. All Baggage Horses & Chaises to go with the Train. N.B. The Detachment under Mons^r Scholtz from Huy & the 11 Battalions from the Army the whole Commanded by Count Nojelles. At Night we received Ord^{rs} to pull down our Tents immediately after the Retreat & the Army marched about 10 in the following Order; Count Nojelles & his Detachment first. The Horse of both Wings to follow him and got upon his flanks & then the Body of our Army to follow in 2 Lines. Mons^r Overick who had passed the Mahaigne the day before with his Army was to send a strong Detachment towards the Lines, to give the Enemy Alarm on that side, & immediately to pass the Mahaigne and join our Army in following our March. The Night being very Dark the Guides missed their Way, but nevertheless the Army advancing in this manner about Break of day the Grenadiers of Count Nojelles Detachment came to the Lines near Orsmall & Hespen where they passed the Gatte & attacked the Guard in the Castle & at the Barrier. The Enemy who had 8 or 10 Squadrons of Dragoons encamp'd between this place & St. Liew seeing their Guard surprised and our Troops entering the Lines at 2 places & finding they were cut off from their Army retired to St. Liew, being obliged to leave their Tents and Baggage behind. The Enemy were all in Movement on the Right to come and oppose us but before they got any considerable Body we had above 1000 Men in the Lines, Our Horse who passed next to the Detachment, formed in Battle to receive the Enemy, who came to the Number of 50 Squadrons & 12 or 14 Battalions commanded by Mons^r de Ranclore. As soon as our Horse formed they endeavour'd to attack the Enemy, but finding a hollow way between their Squadrons & ours some Battalions of our Foot were order'd to advance & fire from the hollow way on the Enemies Squadrons which gave time to our Horse to pass the hollow way; where they had no sooner got but they charged the Enemy & broke thro' their Squadrons, put them to the flight & pursued them behind their Foot; some Squadrons rallied