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(Signed) FREDERICK.

The mail is not arrived, but we have received from Amherst an important letter which contains some particulars, relative to the attack made upon the Duke of York on the 15th inst., which are not mentioned in the Extraordinary Gazette.

The attack began on the 15th in the evening, and was received the next morning. The Hanoverians and one British regiment suffered severely, and the whole body of the army was forced to cross the Meuse with the loss of about 500 men. One hundred and fifty of the troops of Hesse Darmstadt lost 120 killed.

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For the HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE,  
Mr. BUTLER,

M R. A. B. in your paper of the last week informed the public, "That a committee of the house of representatives in the last session of the General Court, reported a plan for abolishing the County courts of common Pleas, as now established by law; and for introducing District Courts, on a larger scale and different principles."

I rejoice that this object has occupied once more, the attention of our political Fathers. A subject of more importance to the community cannot come before them.

"The army of the Eastern Provinces has proved, that if the French are terrible in attack, they are not less formidable in defence. For near three months the perfidious La Union was encircling all his forces to compel us to raise the blockade of Bellgrade and resettle the place. The repeated signal of distress hastened the execution of his plan. On the 15th August, at 1 a.m. in the morning, the Spanish army, augmented by the garrisons of the interior, and a crowd of peasants and foreigners, forming a total of 50,000 men, appeared before the principal posts of our army. At the same instant our right and left were attacked as well as the coast part of the neck of Bayay. But it was at Saint Laurent de la Manga, the possession of which would have facilitated their approach; it was on our right that they attempted in the greatest number to break through our line and cut off our communications. Twenty thousand men, under cover of the night, fell upon the camp of Terrea, occupied by the brigades of Chatelets that defended the rights of St. Laurent. The surprise and confusion inseparable from darkness, at first made some of our posts yield to superiority of numbers. The enemy even made themselves masters of four of our advanced batteries. The approach of day changed the face of battle, one of the loudest and most terrible that has been fought since the commencement of the war of liberty against tyranny. The Spaniards, elated with some advantage, few wished from their hands victory, always faithful to our brothers in arms. The enemy however maintained their ground the noon, which was consolidated to us. The bayonet, the sabre, fragments of rocks, thrown from the tops of the mountains, did justice on the violators of the capitulation of Bourges, and expired in their blood the insults offered to the Republic. General Augereau ordered a decisive engagement. Mirabel's brigade was directed to force with the bayonet the Spanish line on the heights of la Fondrie. This brigade joined three of General Lemire's battalions in the defile which separates the Manga from the village of Terrea; marched towards the village to cut off the enemy; the rest of the division moved forward the cry of war to death resounded thro' all the ranks; the Spaniards fled; they were flung in their retreat by the troops of the brave Mirabel, who enraged at the loss of their leader gave no quarter; they were taken to flank by the Chatelets, and in front by the reserve of la Manga, they were beaten and pursued in every point. Soldiers clothed in red, ate English in the eyes of the Republicans, and were cut to pieces. Weakness and want of day light, put an end to the success of our arms. The Spaniards once more repaid nothing from their efforts, but shame, terror and defeat.

According to General Augereau's report, the enemy left 2,500 men, among whom are a Quarter Master General, and several officers of rank, on the field of battle, 100 men, the greater part foreigners, obtained their lives of some of our musqueters, whose pity they moved. On our side we had about 600 men wounded, and we lost 197 of our brothers in arms, among whom we have all to regret General Mirbel killed at the head of his brigade, who has always conducted to victory. Such are the glorious events, which signalized the right of the army. The left followed their example; repelled the enemy, forced them to retreat in disorder, and took one piece of cannon. We are not less fortunate at the Neck des Feuilles. The first battalion of Taro, and the grenadiers of the mouths of the Rhone, also pressed by superior forces, repelled with the bayonet a débarcation supported by gun-boats, and also put to flight a column of the enemy that attacked the heights. I shall not at present men-

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The commander in chief of the army of the Eastern Provinces to the committee of Public Safety.

Head-quarters at Boulogne, Aug. 15  
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"And tho' its considerability proportion of the legislative councils of common pica, and other justices; yet we have a right to expect that they will, on the present occasion, come forth like patriots, and relieve their constituents from the burden of a court of common pleas, and that they will do justice before them with sound decency and dispatch as they do at the Supreme Court—Then, and not till then, the people would "obtain right and justice freely, and without being obliged to purchase it—completely, and without any denial—promptly, and with-out delay," agreeably to our declaration of principles."

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The King of Prussia is said to have made a peremptory demand upon the German Empire, of payment of the expenses incurred by the recaptures of Metz, which he estimates at nearly three millions of Thalers.

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The following Latin verse is wrote on the State House of this city.

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"Trevi exiled 1300 years before Rome."

If other persons have made similar observations and conclusions, they must, we are informed, that the prefect judicial system, as it respects the common pleas, has come to this day—The expense of time and money, compared with the fees received at these courts, is truly enormous. These observations are not the effect of spleen, or dislike to the gentlemen who compose these courts—As men, they have my most cordial friendship and esteem—but as expounders of the law, they are not entitled to my confidence.

At present I like the idea of dividing the commonwealth into four districts—to have three judges really learned in the law to each district—and to have one or two special judges to supply any vacancy occasioned by sickness, by being party to a suit, or otherwise. And I would have this court try all criminal cases now cognisanced by the court of Sessions: and to have the sessions sit half yearly in their respective counties to transact such local business as relates to roads, licences and county taxes; they may, possibly, be competent to such business—but these Justices, when in session, are not fit to try criminal—How painful is it to see a poor culprit at their bar; and, while on trial, the Justices perpetually going in and out—So that when the President calls on them to state the case to the jury; or, to try whether the prisoners shall be whipped, or fined—or how punished—one says, I was not in when the trial began, and choose to be excused—another, I went out, and did not hear all

give an opinion—and so it goes on thro' this mighty Phalanx of Justices—Now I ask—Is this a court?—Is this a trial?—or can there be judgment, in any proper sense whatever?—But I suppose my liege."

Mr. A. B. tells us, that Worcester, Hampshire and Berkshires are to constitute the western district." Should the Governor and council appoint such men as would do honor to any law court whatever, and such as to be found in the district, there would not then be one appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court where there are five or six now. For the People would have as much confidence in the integrity and abilities of these as they now have in the Supreme Judges—and the Gentlemen of the bar would equally reverence their opinions—and would do business before them with sound decency and dispatch as they do at the Supreme Court—Then, and not till then, the people would "obtain right and justice freely, and without being obliged to purchase it—completely, and without any denial—promptly, and with-out delay," agreeably to our declaration of principles."

It is consequently now in the power of the French to cut off the numerous roads that lead from this part of Europe to the fortresses of Luxembourg, and to the fortress of Namur and Liege.

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Mayence can only be well defended by a French garrison, its fortifications are too extensive, and rather calculated for an attack.

Coblentz can only hold out a few days, its citadel Ehrenbreitstein on the other side of the Rhine, is stronger, but not strong enough for a small garrison.

The fortifications of Bonn are strong, Cologne, a large imperial city, will be taken in a short time.

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London, Nov. 26.—

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14.

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