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INTRODUCTION.

The following Compilation comprises—


FIRST—A Sketch of the Battle of Waterloo, being a simple, but interesting narrative, interspersed with well-authenticated anecdotes of that memorable engagement.

SECOND—The Duke of Wellington's Official Despatch to Earl Bathurst, dated June 19th, 1815.

THIRD—Field-Marshal Prince Blücher's Official Report of the Operations of the Prussian Army of the Lower Rhine, describing the Battle of Ligny, on the 16th of June, and that of Waterloo on the 18th.

FOURTH—Reflections on the Battles of Ligny and Quatre Bras; on the Battle of Waterloo, or La Belle Alliance, and on the Action at Wavre; with their consequences; by General Muffling.

The above selection from numerous papers relative to the battle of Waterloo, has been made with a view of connecting an interesting detail of facts, with official reports, and the remarks of a veteran commander. It is hoped that a perusal of the annexed pages will thus prove equally gratifying to the citizen and the soldier.



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At five o'clock in the morning of the 18th of June, 1815, the English army arrived at its destined position, at the end of the forest of Soigne. It occupied a rising ground, having in its front a gentle declivity. The extremity of the right wing was stationed at Merbe Braine. The enclosed country and deep ravines round the village protected the right flank, and rendered it impossible for the enemy to turn it. In the centre of the right was a country-house called Hougoumont, or Goumont (*le château de Goumont*). The house was loop-holed and strongly occupied; the garden and orchard were lined with light troops, and the wood before the