

APPENDIX II

COUNT TALLARD'S GARDEN AT NOTTINGHAM

MARSHALL COUNT TALLARD, the commander of the French forces, was taken prisoner at the battle of Blenheim, or Hochstedt as the Germans called it, and interned at Nottingham. London and Wise laid out a garden for him in 1706, of which they have left a detailed description in *The Retired Gard'ner*. The reproduction is taken from the plate in *Les Délices de la Grande Bretagne*. In front of the house was a terrace about 60 feet long and 14 wide. In front of this was a parterre of grass-work, generally called a "fund of grass," laid out in cut-work (*gazon coupé*) all in grass. The paths of this parterre were filled in with different coloured materials, such as brick dust, coal slag, sand, etc. There seem to have been no flowers to this parterre, except some plants in pots, and this particular part of the design sounds rather puerile.

Above this parterre on the right was another parterre with a grass terrace on a higher level. Below it and in front of it was a third parterre in grass, reached by a flight of seven steps. At the farther end of the garden was a raised walk of grass, with a border of flowers on one side, and pyramidal trees and flower-pots on the other. At the left-hand corner was a banqueting-house, reached from the raised walk, with a room under it, entered from the level