

Bagrations, who was employed in the execution of the movements entrusted to him, in order to effect a junction with the first army, fell in, on his march with his avant-garde, with the whole of the enemy's cavalry. The Russian troops, who had long been eager for battle, fell in upon them, and after the most resolute resistance of the enemy, which rendered this battle the more conspicuous, nine regiments of the enemy were completely cut down, above 1000 men, and upwards of 50 Staff and upper Officers, made prisoners. The difficulties which the enemy had endeavoured to lay in the way of the operations of the second army are now removed. Nothing now stands in the way to prevent these two armies, with their united strength, from preparing for the swarm of their enemies the fate with which every desolating conqueror has ended, so far as the history of nations has taught us. This praiseworthy battle we can consider as the pledge for further brilliant deeds. While victory will conduct our feelings in a new battle, the victims of our opponent will diminish their confidence in the fortune of war, as well as their power and inclination for making resistance.

Riga, 13th (25th) July, 1812.

Admiralty-Office, August 15, 1812.

Extract of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, Bart. and K.B. &c. to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board the Victory, in Hawke Road, 7th August, 1812.

HEREWITH I transmit a Letter I have this morning received by express from Hano, from Rear-Admiral Martin, dated Riga, the 27th ultimo, informing me of the junction of General Barclay de Tolli, Commander in Chief of the Russian army, with the corps of Prince Bagration.

Extract of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Martin to Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, dated at Riga, the 27th July, 1812.

GENERAL Barclay de Tolli, the Commander in Chief of the Russian army, has announced his junction, by forced marches, with the corps of Prince Bagration at Witepsk, where the Messenger who is just arrived left him on the 24th instant.

The Emperor Alexander had himself reached Smolenski, probably to stimulate by his presence the natives of that loyal province to exertions suited to the danger with which they are threatened.

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The Emperor's activity and earnestness in the prosecution of the war, affords an admirable example to his subjects who in Old Russia are devoted to his cause.

The Nobles of Moscow have offered to raise one hundred thousand men at their own expence, besides a voluntary contribution of two millions of silver rubles, to be at the Emperor's disposal.

We learn by the same Messenger, that the Peace with Turkey is ratified.

Admiralty-Office, August 15, 1812.

Copy of another Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, Bart. and K.B. &c. to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board the Victory, in Hawke Road, 8th August 1812.

SIR,

HEREWITH I enclose a copy of intelligence of the operations of the Russian army, published at Riga, which I received yesterday evening from Rear-Admiral Morris, to whom it had been transmitted by Rear-Admiral Martin, in a merchant vessel, which you will please to lay before their Lordships.

I am, &c. J. SAUMAREZ.

(Translation.)

Intelligence this day received of the Operations of the Army.

THE objects of the battle, which the advance of Prince Bagration's army victoriously sustained with the enemy, is accomplished. The first west army has effected a junction with that of Prince Bagration, and now both hasten mutually to the attack of the enemy.

At the same time, the agreeable intelligence of the final conclusion of peace with the Ottoman Porte, is received. With united force the Russian armies now stand opposite the enemy, whose operations have hitherto been confined to preventing their junction, but which objects they have been unable to accomplish.

Their brethren in arms on the Danube, now turn from their conciliated opponents towards them, to take part in their deeds, from the result of which, Russia has to expect immortal glory, and oppressed Europe, the dawn of freedom.

(Signed) ESSEN, Lieut. Genl.

and General Governor of Riga.

Riga, 15 (27) July 1812.

