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*Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, Bart. and K. B. to John Wilson Croker, Esq. dated on board His Majesty's Ship Victory, in Hawke Road, the 27th August 1812.*

SIR,

**I** HEREWITH enclose a letter I have received from Rear-Admiral Martin, dated the 17th instant, on board the Aboukir, off Riga, conveying information of the movements of the Russian forces to that period; by which their Lordships will observe, that no event of importance had taken place since the letter I transmitted from the Rear-Admiral, dated the 11th instant.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JAS. SAUMAREZ.

SIR, *Aboukir, off Riga Bay, Aug. 17, 1812.*

**I** HAVE to acquaint you that couriers arrived last night from Count Wittgenstein and General Barclay de Tolly, by whom we learn that no important affair has yet occurred.

Count Wittgenstein's letter, is dated the 13th instant, at a small village called Doschoch, about forty miles this side of Polotzk, to which last place he had pursued Oudinot, and leaving a strong advanced post in front of it, in order to deceive him, the Count immediately took a direction with his army towards Druya to meet Macdonald, of whose departure from this neighbourhood he had received early intelligence.

Hearing however that Marshal Oudinot had obtained a reinforcement of eleven thousand men, he halted, and presently moved forward again in the direction of Polotzk, and falling in with a small French division, he attacked them, and took six

hundred prisoners, besides baggage. It was conjectured that Oudinot had recrossed the river, and it was ascertained that his loss in the late action had been much more severe than was at first reported.

General Barclay de Tolly's letter is dated the 10th of August, at Smolensko; it speaks only of an attack made by Count Pahlen's cavalry on the enemy's rear guard, which he drove before him, taking two or three hundred prisoners, and General Sebastiani's carriage with all his papers.

Frequent skirmishes take place, and they are represented as invariably favourable to the Russians, and every thing in the army is going on in a satisfactory way. Several small detachments from this garrison have been scouring the country, and have destroyed a magazine and taken some prisoners.

I have the honour to be, &c.

T. M. MARTIN, Rear-Admiral.

*Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez,*

*Bart. and K. B. &c. &c. &c.*

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*Extract of a Letter from Commodore Sir Home Popham to Admiral the Right Honourable Lord Keith, K. B. dated on board His Majesty's Ship Venerable, Bilbao Inlet, 16th August 1812, and transmitted by the last-mentioned Officer to John Wilson Croker, Esq.*

**Y**ESTERDAY morning, at day-dawn, General Renoules attacked the enemy, and his dispositions were so judicious that he drove him out of the town, from whence he retreated on the high road to Zornosa, and his whole force fell back towards Darango. The Spaniards lost ten men