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A DISPATCH, of which the following is a copy, has been this day received from His Excellency General Viscount Cathcart, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of Saint Petersburg, addressed to Lord Viscount Castlereagh, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

MY LORD. *St. Petersburg, Oct. 27, 1812.*

I HAVE the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship that the guns are now firing, and Te Deum is to be sung to-morrow in the cathedral, for a most brilliant affair on the 18th between the advanced guards of the French and Russian armies near Moscow in which the former, under Murat, were defeated with great loss; and for the deliverance of Moscow by General Winzingerode on the 22d October.

The bulletin is not yet published, but I have the honour to enclose a copy of the note I have this morning received, by the Emperor's command.

I have also enclosed a translation of the official account of the defeat of Marshal St. Cyr by Count Wittgenstein, and of the storming of Polotzk on the 20th October, as also that of the repulse of Marshal Macdonald's corps by General Steinheil.

Lieutenant-General Count Wittgenstein has been promoted to the rank of General of cavalry, and Te Deum for his victory was sung yesterday.

It appears that Prince Schwartzberg has retired to the westward, leaving some corps which have been cut off; that the province of Volhynia is entirely cleared of the enemy; and that Admiral

Tchichagoff may probably have reached Minsk about or soon after the 21st October.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) CATHCART.

(Translation of First Enclosure.)

St. Petersburg, October 27, 1812.

ON the 18th October Marshal Kutusoff having learnt that the corps of Victor had quitted Smolensk to reinforce the Grand Army, resolved to attack the advanced-guard, under the orders of Murat, being 45,000 strong, in face of our troops, in order to defeat the same before the junction of Victor, and before Napoleon could support him with the main body of his army. The attack completely succeeded: thirty eight pieces of cannon fell into our hands, as well as a standard of honour belonging to the first regiment of cuirassiers. We have made 1500 prisoners, amongst whom is a General. Two thousand men were left on the field of battle. Our loss is inconsiderable.

On the 22d, the corps of General Winzingerode entered Moscow, and obliged the garrison which the enemy had left in it, to evacuate that capital in such haste, that the French hospitals remained in our power.

(Second Enclosure.)

Extract from the Report of General Count Wittgenstein to His Imperial Majesty, dated Polotzk, the 20th October 1812.

AFTER a hard engagement for two days with the enemy, thanks to the Almighty, Marshal Gouvion St. Cyr is on the other side of the Dwina, and I am in Polotzk, with the corps entrusted to my command.