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DISPATCHES, of which the following are copies, were received last night by Viscount Castlereagh, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from General Viscount Cathcart, K. T. His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Emperor of Russia, dated at St. Petersburg, the 23d and 25th of November 1812.

MY LORD, *St. Petersburg, Nov. 23, 1812.*

IN my dispatch of the 15th instant I had the honour to detail such operations of Marshal Kutusoff's army as had come to my knowledge up to the 9th of November; since that date no report has been received of the further proceedings of the corps entrusted to General Platoff. The Field-Marshal had calculated to reach Krasnoi on the 14th instant, but although he had approached within a few wersts of that place, I have not heard that his headquarters were established there on the 16th. His last dispatch of the latter date announces his intention of forwarding a journal of the preceding days, which will contain important relations, but it has not as yet been received. On the 9th of November Count Orloff Denizoff, being advanced on the roads towards Smolensko and Krasnoi, received intelligence of the march of a French corps from Smolensko in the direction of Kalouga, composed of fresh troops intended for the different regiments of guards; this force was under the command of General Barragé D'Hillier, having with him General Charpentier and Brigadier-General Augereau, brother to the Marshal of that name. They were distributed in the three villages of Yasvin, Lakoff, and Dolgomust. A disposition of attack was immediately made by three partizan corps, commanded by Captain Soslavin, Colonel Davidoff, and Captain Phigner. The result was that the corps under Charpentier was nearly cut to pieces, that Barragé D'Hillier having patiently heard a cannonade for several hours in the quarters of Augereau's division, made good his retreat to Smolensko, and that Augereau's corps of three thousand men, after losing

nearly one third of their number, laid down their arms and capitulated to Captain Phigner, who had not one thousand five hundred men, and who appears to have conducted this affair with infinite address and gallantry.

In this corps were two squadrons of cavalry, well mounted. The prisoners amounted to one general, sixty staff and other officers, and two thousand rank and file. The officers who capitulated stated the object of their march by that route, was to open another communication in the direction of Kalouga; they were not aware of the retreat of their army.

Since this affair, three general officers, upwards of twenty pieces of cannon, and four thousand prisoners have been taken near Smolensko, but the particulars are not yet reported.

On the 14th instant, General Count Wittgenstein was attacked by Marshal Victor, who had orders to drive him to the other side of the Dwina. The enemy was repulsed, with the loss of two to three thousand men, and was pursued the next morning in his retreat towards Senno, when six hundred prisoners were taken. I have the honour to inclose a copy of Major-General Baron Dörnberg's report of this affair.

Nothing material occurred at this post till the 18th, when Count Wittgenstein was joined by Colonel Chernichef, Aide-de-Camp to His Imperial Majesty; who had been detached by Admiral Tchichagoff, with a small corps of light cavalry, to discover and ascertain General Count Wittgenstein's position. In the course of this expedition, the Colonel had the singular good fortune to rescue Major-General Baron Winzengerode and his Aide-de-Camp, Captain Narishkin, between Vilna and Minsk; they were proceeding towards the frontier, under an escort of gens d'armes, and had been marched from Verrea, where they were presented to Buonaparte, with the French guards under the charge of Junot.

Colonel Chernichef also took three couriers, one coming from, and the other two going to Paris. From these sources of intelligence it is ascertained,