

for the future, as it happens now, by the mercenary Views of a few Persons, see themselves exposed to the Danger and Calamities of a ruinous War) a free State independent on either Party, under a Form of Government of their own, to be by themselves established on such a Foundation, and with all such Rights, Privileges and Immunities, as may best tend to their own Good, and to its everlasting Settlement, according to their own Desire and Wishes: In which Case, we will be ready to assist them on all necessary Occasions, with as many of our Forces, and at such Times as they shall themselves desire, for the maintaining and supporting their new Establishment, and to second them with Readiness and Favour in all their other Desires, concerning which they shall find it necessary to apply to us for the better and securer Advancement of this Design.

After this Manner and by this Means, Finland, when it shall find itself upon the aforesaid Establishment, and under a Form of Government of its own, may serve for a Barrier and Separation between Russia and Sweden, and also by these same Means, the Swedes will be freed of all those Cares and Uneasinesses which they have shewn at the close Neighbourhood of the Russian Empire; consequently this Proposal, founded on Equity, cannot be disagreeable to that Crown, if she has a true Inclination to maintain for the future a firm Friendship with Russia: As for the rest, we are always ready on our Part to secure to the States of Finland the unalterable Maintenance and Accomplishment of our gracious Promise made above, by the most solemn Assurances, and the most effectual Proofs, according to their own Desire. But in case the Inhabitants of Finland, should, contrary to Expectation, reject this our good Disposition and well-meaning Intention, and on the contrary, out of an ill-timed Obstinacy, should suffer themselves to be employed, during the Continuance of this War, in hostile Enterprizes against us and our Forces, or give any Assistance to the Swedish Army; we shall find ourselves obliged, contrary to our own Will and Inclination, to cause the said Country to be laid Waste with Fire and Sword: All which we have ordered to be published by the present Manifesto for due Notice and universal Information.

Given at Moscow March 18, 1742.

(L. S.) *Elisabeth.*

From the General Quarters at Mederitz in Moravia, April 30, 1742.

THE 26th and 27th, the Army halted at Oltschan, where some new Dispositions were made. The Desertion still continues amongst the Prussians, who come in by 30 and 40 to our Camp.

The 28th the Army marched again and staid at Prosnitz.

The 29th the General Quarters was at Wischau.

The 30th the Army halted. This Morning the Hussars brought in 130 Prisoners from Hoff near Troppau in Silesia; they had also taken 20 Waggons laden with Booty from the Enemy. These Prisoners say that our Troops must have taken a considerable Booty in Money, and assure that the most Part of their Rear Guard was destroyed, and that in general they had suffered a great Loss, as well in the several Skirmishes that happened in different Places, as by

Desertion, which was very considerable. Prince Charles has put all the Inhabitants of this Margraviate under Arms, who in Conjunction with Part of our Troops, are to guard all the Passes, to secure this Country from any further Invasion of the Enemy. The Troops which Prince Charles has ordered for this Purpose consist in 16000 Men, and 'tis hoped that these, with the Inhabitants, will be sufficient to keep the Enemy in Awe.

The 1st of May the Army marched in Columns, whereof some went to Austerlitz, and the other to Czercahora and in the Neighbourhood, and this Day the General Quarters was at Austerlitz; where we had an Account that the Castle of Glatz had surrendered to the Enemy, the Garrison having march'd out Drums beating, and Colours flying, with three Field Pieces.

The 2d the Army advanced to Medritz where was the General Quarters, from whence Prince Charles set out for Vienna, and will return hither in a few Days.

Stockholm, May 4. His Excellency Count Horn, late President of the Chancery, who resign'd his Employment in the Year 1738, and has since liv'd retir'd upon his Estate at Eckbyholm, died there the 29th of last Month, aged 78 Years.

Vienna, May 9, N. S. Prince Charles set out last Night, and will be this Evening at Saar with the Army. The Prussians who were still hovering about the Frontiers of Bohemia and Moravia, have all disappeared upon the coming up of General Nadafty with his Hussars.

Dresden, May 13. The King of Poland set out the 10th Instant for Fraustadt, and intended to be back here by To-morrow Seven-night; the French, Swedish, Russian, Dutch, Prussian, Sardinian and Papal Ministers, attend his Majesty on this Journey.

Sleswick, May 14. The King of Denmark and the Royal Family arrived in good Health at Gottorp on the 8th late in the Evening. On the 10th his Majesty reviewed the Cuirassiers of Kalkreuter, together with Folkerfahm's Regiment of Foot. The 11th in the Morning a Council was held, and in the Afternoon a Battalion of la Potterie's Marines, and a Battalion of Land Milice were exercised before his Majesty and passed in Review. And it was generally observed that the latter, tho' drawn together but for the second Time since their Erection, made almost as good an Appearance, and shewed the same Exactness, Attention and Dexterity as the regular Troops. At this Review Major General Folkerfahm, whose Regiment is to continue in Holstein, and to be replaced at Copenhagen by that of Dombroich, was made Governour of Gluckstadt in the room of Lieutenant General Juel, deceased. The Guards and Grenadiers, which were review'd the 8th at Flensburg, have Orders to begin their March towards the Isle of Zealand on the 16th. Their Majesties propose to remove to Rendsburg after To-morrow.

Dresden, May 16, N. S. There are Advices here which mention, that the Corps of Prussians which retreated out of Moravia into Silesia, being pursued by the Austrian Hussars, had lost most of its Baggage, and upwards of 2000 Men. It is reported that Prince Charles is on full March in Bohemia, and that his Avant Guard has driven two Battallions of Prussians from Schuschlitz, near Kutenbourg. The Cas-
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