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DISPATCHES, of which the following are copies, and an extract, have been received by Viscount Castlereagh, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from General Viscount Cathcart, K. T. His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the Court of St. Petersburg.

MY LORD, *St. Petersburg, Dec. 12, 1812.*

INOW avail myself of a Swedish courier to forward translations of two bulletins, viz. one from Major-General Kutusoff, Aide-de-Camp-General, of the 2d December, and one from General Count Wittgenstein, of the 4th December.

Your Lordship will perceive by their reports, that the passage of the Bereżyna has cost the French upwards of twenty thousand men, killed, wounded, drowned, and prisoners, and that the remains of Buonaparte's army, with which he is still present, are endeavouring to proceed towards Veleika, while General Wittgenstein's corps is moving upon its right; and with every expectation of getting before it; the Moldavian army upon the left, is moving upon Molodetchno, and the main army, under Count Tormazoff, is moving in a parallel direction to that of the Moldavian army, at no great distance from it, while Count Platoff, with a strong detachment of Cossacks, light cavalry, and light artillery, with the infantry, under General Ermaloff, is understood to be in front of the French, in the very line they are pursuing.

The French force, as stated by the Admiral, is evidently much over-rated.

The last place named by Count Wittgenstein (Nementchina) is one or two stages north from Wilna.

The Russian patriotic levies continue to come forward with unabated zeal, and a new army of

fifty thousand infantry and twenty thousand cavalry, from some of the southern provinces, is reported ready for service and assembled.

The French march at night, and halt during the day, in hollow squares; surrounded as they are by Cossacks, their supplies must be very precarious, and numbers are said to be found dead of cold and famine on every ground their army quits.

The Field-Marshal is with the Moldavian Army. Marshal Macdonald is reported, by the Commandant at Riga, to occupy an arc, cutting off the angle formed by the Divina with the Baltic; his right at Fredericksham, his left at Takuma, and his centre at Eskay.

He menaces Riga, but probably with intention to prevent interruption to the supplies he wishes to send to meet the French army.

I have the honour to be, &c.

CATHCART.

Aide-de-Camp-General Gobeznitschoff Kutusoff's Report to His Imperial Majesty, dated Beresyna, December 2.

BY my last report, I had the satisfaction to acquaint your Imperial Majesty of my arrival, together with my corps, at Babinowitsoby. I there received the first intelligence which reached me of Count Wittgenstein's corps, who was establishing the communication between himself and our grand army. In the mean time, I not only did not cease to act on the enemy's flank during his retreat, but obliged his advanced guard to keep on a regular defensive from Orsha to Boryssoff. On account of the continued attacks of my detachments, the enemy every where met the Cossacks on his road; and the corps under my command took, in the different skirmishes I had with him, three generals, seventy-three staff and other officers, and five thousand