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DISPACHES, of which the following are copies and an extract, were last evening received by Viscount Castlereagh, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Edward Thornton, Esq. His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the head-quarters of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Sweden; from His Excellency General Viscount Cathcart, K. T. His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at the head-quarters of the Emperor of All the Russias; and from Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir Charles Stewart, K. B. His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the head-quarters of the King of Prussia; dated Jüterboch, September 8, and Topliz, September 1st, and 31st August 1813.

My Lord, *Jüterboch, Sept. 8, 1813.*

ALMOST immediately after the dispatch of my letters of yesterday's date from Bruck I set off for this place, Baron de Wetterstedt having received a summons from the Prince Royal of Sweden to proceed hither.

I arrived here this morning, and have now the honour of transmitting to your Lordship the bulletin of the operations of the day before yesterday, which have been attended with the most important results, and which have conferred immortal honour on the Prussian army, against whom the whole force of the enemy was directed, and who sustained the unequal contest with unexampled bravery and firmness.

The accounts from the side of Mecklenburgh confirm the retreat of Marshal Davoust from Schwerin, and his passage across the Elbe, in the direction of Magdeburgh. As it is possible that this movement was combined with the attack of Marshal Ney, and was intended to act as a diversion against Berlin on the other side, Count de Wallmoden has been directed to approach Magdeburgh on this side the Elbe, for the purpose of watching the movements from that fortress. The corps of General Hirschfeld has the same destination against Wittenberg, and the main body of the Allied army will take such a position as will counteract any operations on the side of Torgau. It is

understood that Buonaparte has taken the command of the army acting against General Blucher, the latter of whom has moved from Laubau to Gorlitz; but it may be equally the intention of the former to act in conjunction with the corps at Torgau against this army, and it is necessary to be prepared for such an event.

It is understood that the head-quarters will be continued in this place to-morrow; but the troops have been moved forward, and six thousand Swedish troops have been placed under the orders of General Bulow, in order to act with his corps.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) EDW. THORNTON.

Head-Quarters, Jüterboch, Sept. 8, 1813.

THE Prince Royal transferred his head-quarters to Rabenstein on the 4th of this month.

At the moment when His Royal Highness had commenced a movement, in order to advance with the Russian and Swedish army to Roslau, with an intention of there crossing the Elbe, and of taking the direction of Leipzig, His Royal Highness learnt that the enemy, after having made a demonstration of passing over to the left side of the river, had suddenly returned into his entrenchments of Teuchel and Tragun, in advance of Wittenburg. This sudden return afforded a presumption, either that he intended to attack the combined army in their passage across the Elbe, or to make a rapid march upon Berlin.

The Prince Royal slackened the pace of his troops, and announced that it should take place the following day: two battalions, a Swedish and a Prussian, were dispatched to Roslau, under the orders of Lieutenant-Colonel Holst, Aide-de-Camp of His Royal Highness, in order to collect all materials necessary for the construction of a bridge.

The reports of the out-posts announced every moment, that the enemy's army was marching upon Zahne. This post, occupied by the corps of General Dobschutz, belonging to the corps d'armée of General Count Taubentzein, was attacked by a very superior force, on the 4th of September, in the afternoon, and maintained its ground with great bravery.

The enemy having been repulsed in several attacks, re-entered his entrenchments before Wittenburg.