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A Particular Account, sent by General Field Marshal Count Lacy, of what passed since his Departure from Petersbourg, and during his Stay with the Corps acting on the Swedish Frontiers.

HAVING received his Imperial Majesty's Orders on the 16th of August, to set out for the Corps acting on the Swedish Frontiers not far from Wiburg; and being furnished with Instructions, I took Leave both of her Imperial Highness our most gracious, Grand Princess and Regent, and also of his Imperial Highness the Generalissimo, and set out the same Day at Five in the Evening from Petersbourg for Wiburg, where I arrived on the 18th, and sent for General Keith who commands the said Corps, to confer with him.

On the 19th I took a View of the Fortifications, the Artillery, and the Warlike Stores. We received that Day, several Advices, that the Enemy intended to draw together 11,000 Men near the Frontier Fortress Wilmanstrand, and to form an Army of about 20,000 in that Neighbourhood. At Noon a Swedish Deserter from Wilmanstrand was brought in, by whose Report we were informed, that three Days ago, when he made his Escape, there were no other Troops in Wilmanstrand, besides the Regiment of Foot of Willbrand, lying in Garrison there, six Companies of Dragoons, and one Company of the Regiment of Artillery, but that the Corps designed for that Place, consisting of seven Regiments of Foot, with some Cavalry, the Number of which was unknown to him, were daily expected there, and that undoubtedly Part of it, at least must be arrived there by that Time. Towards Evening another Deserter was brought in, who confirmed the forelaid Report in every Particular.

I thereupon, the Day following, left Wiburg, and having first made all necessary Dispositions there, and appointed Major General Shipow, Chief Commandant, repaired to the Corps encamping at Cannanoy, where I arrived about Noon, and immediately called all the General Officers together to a Council of War, in which it was resolved forthwith to march with Part of the said Corps towards Wilmanstrand, and to attack the Enemy's Corps, which probably would be

encamped near the Fortress in order to cover it, and for the better Speed, to take no Baggage with us, but only Provision for five Days. Pursuant to which, the necessary Preparations being immediately made, the said Detachment broke up on the 21st, at the usual Time in the Morning, entered the Swedish Frontier near Talsula, and took some Cattle, Corn and Hay, in several Places, from the Peasants, who live dispersed, nor were aware of so sudden an Irruption. After a March of 12 Versts, the Corps halted for four Hours, and then marched on six Versts farther to the Village of Sincola. The following Day the Corps broke up again, and having advanced three other Versts, we found that a Bridge over a shallow Water, which had a deep muddy Bottom, had been broke off by the Enemy; so we halted again, and got the said Bridge repaired with great Speed, by some six Companies, for which whilst the Infantry was posted towards the Wood that lay on both Sides, in such a Manner as to cover the Work against any Attack from the Enemy. But during the three Hours which this Work took up, none of the Enemy appeared, except a Troop of about 50 Men, who at the Sight of us immediately retired.

The Bridge being ready, we continued our March: I ordered Colonel Resanow, with a strong Detachment, to maintain that Post; and I found it necessary, by reason of the difficult Road, to leave also the heaviest Artillery and Ammunition there. About half an Hour after, whilst we were marching, there appeared another Troop of the Enemy of 100 Men, who immediately turned their Backs on our Van Guard, but were pursued by a Detachment of ours, who took one of them Prisoner, of whom we learned, that the Enemy's Corps designed for Wilmanstrand, consisting of seven Regiments of Foot, and of five of Dragoons, which latter were newly arrived from Sweden, were that Day intally expected there.

About Four in the Afternoon our Corps arrived at Annala, a Village closely situated under Wilmanstrand, from whence the Enemy's advanced Guards, that were posted there forthwith retired.

As soon as the Camp was regulated, I went with General Keith, convoyed by a Company of Horse Grenadiers, towards the Fortress, and having left the said Convoy at the Foot of the Mountain, situated before the Town, I went to reconnoitre it so near, that the Enemy's