

three Days ago very unexpectedly began Hostilities against our Troops. I waited the whole Day, Yesterday, for the same, but any farther Delay was not proper, as what had been undertaken here by the Troops under your Command, against my Government of the Imperial Fortrefs, intrusted to me ever since the Year 1728, is of such a Nature, that my Duty requires me to give an Account, in the proper Places, of a Proceeding which so immediately concerns the whole Empire. But that it may be known that my Complaints are not without Foundation, I am obliged to acquaint your Highness with every Thing amply and circumstantially. The Particularities are these; The 2d of June, at Break of Day, a Lieutenant with 15 Men of the free Company of Cavalry, was sent out, according to the known Custom of War, and as it has always been usual, to Patrouille, at an Hour's Distance from the Imperial Fortrefs, who, according to former Orders, was not, upon meeting with any foreign Troops, to commit the least Hostility; and even if, contrary to Expectation, the Patrouille should be fired upon, to retire immediately and make a Report: The Lieutenant himself stopped at the Brick Kiln near Neudorf, not quite an Hour from hence, and sent a Corporal through the Wood to see if any Body lay hid therein; Five Hussars rushed upon the Corporal, who declared himself to them as a Friend, as was before always practised; they in return cursed him in Hungarian, and without any other Answer fired at him, and as he turned about to go back to his Lieutenant, another Shot was fired at him, but without doing him any Harm. The Lieutenant, upon this Report, turned towards Wiesenthal with his Party, where immediately 150 Hussars rushed upon him, and tried to cut him off; upon which, in Consequence of his Orders, he returned towards Philipsbourg, but before he arrived there, he learnt that the Austrian Hussars had attacked the Field Posts, consisting of two Lieutenants, each with 18 Horses, under the Cannon of Philipsbourg, and had followed them to within three Paces of the Barriere of this Imperial Fortrefs, and above 400 Paces beyond the first walled Redoute belonging to the Fortrefs. In the mean while I went personally at this Alarm to the Barriere, and found indeed that the Troops who had made this hostile Attack were repulsed, though I saw one of the Hussars lying dead two Steps from the Barriere, who, according to the Report of the Officers of the Troops of the Emperor and the Empire, posted there, had been shot by the Centinel upon his refusing to retire, notwithstanding all that was said to him.

At the same Time that this happened under the Cannon and Small Arms of the Imperial Fortrefs of Philipsbourg, another Detachment of Austrian Hussars appeared to the Left towards Neudorf, near our Field Post of Hussars, who were likewise within Reach of the Cannon

from the Outworks of the Fortrefs; the Captain of Hussars, Colignon, who commanded the Field Post, upon their approaching towards his advanced Posts, sent a Corporal with four Men to meet them, and to ask whether they came as Friends or as Enemies, upon which the Austrian Corporal belonging to Nadasty's Regiment, answered as Friends; whereupon the Captain who was behind the Corporal, asked, if as Friends, why they fired upon the Patrouille of Dragoons; the Corporal replied, That they had not fired upon the Dragoons, but upon a Peasant, who was running away, and who was employed as a Messenger. About Six of the Clock three Men came again to the advanced Posts; they were asked the same Question, and upon their declaring themselves in the same Manner, as Friends, they separated quietly. About Seven of the Clock some Austrian Hussars appeared again near the Field Post, but it was soon perceived that a greater Number of them lay hid behind the Bushes; the Captain therefore, with a Lieutenant, Serjeant, and six Hussars went to meet them, and upon his calling to them in the same Manner, received for answer, as Friends; but as he asked if as Friends, why they advanced in so great a Number, the Hussars, who were hid in the Bushes, without saying any Thing farther, rid up to them, fired upon and cut at them. The Captain retired to his Post, over the Bridge upon the Ditch of Thungen, with the greatest Expedition, and ordered his People to throw down the Bridge, but the Austrian Hussars passed it at the same Time, which is a Passage to the Imperial Fortrefs Philipsbourg; upon which the Captain rid up to the upper and under Officer, who led the Van Guard, as he cannot say for certain who he was, and represented to him that they ought to keep within Bounds, and not to commit any Hostility, as they had three Times declared themselves as Friends, and now, contrary to the Parole which they had given, they had fallen hostily upon the Post, notwithstanding that they might themselves see that on our Side we relied upon the Parole, and were forbidden committing any Hostility. Nevertheless they tore the Captain from his Horse, and made him, together with a Lieutenant and a Serjeant, Prisoners; but they all found Means to set themselves at Liberty, as the Regiments of Hussars came out of the Camp to their Succour, and repulsed the Austrians.

Your Highness will see from this faithful Narration, which Captain Colignon and other upper and under Officers will attest upon their Oaths, in what a Manner, contrary to all Faith and Confidence, the Patrouille, sent out for the Security of a Fortrefs of the Empire, has been fired upon, the Field Posts, under the Cannon of the Fortrefs, treacherously attacked before the Doors, and pursued to the Barriere of the Counter-scarpe; as also, that on the Side of the Camp

