

first to be already organized; and Michael Mauduit, report says, is appointed to the chief command of the troops. He arrived at Brest on the 25th of January.

PARIS, FEB. 7.—All the German papers, all the letters from the vicinity of the Theatre of War, speak of the commencement of Negotiations for Peace.

#### *Fifteenth Battalion of the Grand Army.*

Very confidential intelligence of provisions have been found at Brest. Annexed is the capitulation of that fortress.

Prince Jerome continues the campaign in Silesia with great activity. Lieutenant General Deroi had already invested Koenig, and opened the trenches. The siege of Schleswig, and that of Neisse, continue at the same time to be carried on.

General Victor, as he was proceeding to Stettin in his carriage, accompanied by an ardecamp, and a single domestique, was carried off by a party of twenty-five chasseurs, who were scouring the country.

The weather is become cold, and it is probable that in a few days the rivers will be frozen. Never let us forget that the nation is not more terrible than it usually is at Paris. The Emperor makes it a duty to practice to attend the parade, and to review time of his regiments.

All the magazines of the army are organizing, and receiving recruits. Great quantities of biscuit are preparing. The emperor has just ordered, that visits to magazines should be formal, and that a considerable quantity of cloathing should be made in Silesia.

The English who can no longer gain credit to their nation, that the Russians, the Tatars, and the Cossacks, are about to destroy the French army, boast even in London confidantes, it is well known that there was a desire, who cannot bear the aspect of our bayonets, now call to their aid the devils, the plague, and the whole train of endemic infestations.

If the English were at the disposal of the Cabinet of London, they would be the last to do, that not only our army, but even our provinces, and the manufacturing cities & people on the Continent, would be under their power. In the mean time, the English must therefore live with publishing in every way, and under every form, their power in empires; thus the French army is doomed by itself. If they are to be believed, entire battalions fall around, like those of the Greeks at the commencement of the battle of Troy. They won't employ a very common way of getting rid of their enemies; but they must reward it. Never was an army in better condition. The wounded are recovering fast; and the number of dead are very insensiblile. There could hardly be sick as in the preceding campaign. The war is even to a certain extent at a standstill, according to the common calculation of time of peace."

#### *Fifteenth Battalion of the Grand Army.*

"ANSWER, Jan. 27.—A large number of cannon, taken from the Prussians, are brought before the gates of the royal city of Warsaw.

Five thousand prisoners have been sent to France, two thousand escaped! in the first movements of conflict, and fifteen hundred have entered among the Russian troops.

Some battalions of light infantry belonging to marshal Ney's corps, had advanced to the legions from their encampments; the Russian army took the attack and was a strong point in its right. The Russians have retreated within the line of their entrenchments, without suffering any loss.

During this period, the Prince of Ponte Corvo took possession of Lissa, and the country situated on the borders of the Baltic.

"Thus have the battle-worn Russians cut them a great deal of their artery. All their baggage, and from 35,000 to 35,000 men, killed, wounded, or trifles."

A Russian column had gone to Lichtenau, beyond the little river Puffel, and had cut off half a company of the Voltigeurs of the 3d regiment of the line, who were in a advanced post of the entrenchment. The Prince of Ponte Corvo, after a short skirmish, left Ponte Corvo, collected his troops, advanced with his own division towards the 2d army, and met them near Mohring.

"On the 25th, as usual, the general's division on appeared, 15,000 men. We are on the eve of a blow. The 8th regiment of the line fell upon the Russians with inexpressible bravery, to repair the loss which in most respects had exceeded. The enemy were compelled to retreat, pursued 4 leagues, and compelled to renounce the Passage. Dreyden's division arrived just at the engagement was concluded, and could take no part in it."

"On the right and centre of the army, the enemy are more than 30,000 men from our posts."

#### *GRAND ARMY—GOVERNMENT OF POSEN.—ORDER OF THE DAY.*

"For some time past malignant persons have been suffered to spread reports, as distressing as they are false, respecting the army, commanded by his Majesty the Emperor and King in person. Persons accustomed to judge of events with coolness, do not suffer themselves to be taken in such trifles, but credulous people are deceived and by tranquillity and discipline, in which they have hitherto lived in disbelieve. To repair the loss which in most respects had exceeded."

The French paper have only noticed the capture of general Victor. This is said to have been attended with some unusual circumstances. Lieutenant —— had been dismissed the Prussian service for various excesses and irregularities, which the severity of Prussian discipline could not tolerate. He resided near Coblenz, in Pomerania Posterior; and when the general disorganization of the Prussian army took place, animated by a warm love for his country, he, on his own authority, collected from the peasantry around him a troop amounting to near 200 men, which he armed as well as he could, and employed in scouring the country and watching the enemy. It was in one of these excursions he met with general Victor, in whose possession he found 20,000 ducats, with which the General, it was supposed, was going to some fortress which he hoped to seize in this manner, as has been often done before. The Lieutenant immediately transmitted his booty to the King of Prussia, who, however, returned it to him, saying, that he had already shown he well knew how to apply his resources in the defense of his country, and that he might expend this sum in the establishment of his corps. He at the same time conferred upon him the rank of Colonel.

*Extract from a letter.*  
I send you the substance of a proclamation of general Bennington, addressed to the people of Germany. It announces the Emperor of Russia's desire to recover the liberty and independence of Germany. "The enemy (it says) is at a considerable distance from his own frontier, in a country, and at a season, in which he is in want of the necessary means of subsistence, and where he meets with impediments at every step. Although it is probable that the French will be routed, this will not satisfy the Emperor; the enemy must be driven beyond his own frontier; this is the only means of saving Germany." The Emperor, therefore, hopes, that the Germans, under these circumstances, which will decide their fate forever, will not lend any assistance to the enemy's troops; but, by a general resistance, render it impossible for them to prolong their stay, and also harass them in their retreat. Finally, the Emperor promises to restore the ancient constitution of the German empire."

*Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Liverpool, dated February 16, 1807.*

I have very little news to send you, for trade here is very dull. The slave trade is to be abolished by an act of parliament, just now passed the house of lords, that no vessel can clear out after the 30th of April next—and it limits the sale in the West-Indies, to the 1st of January, 1808, so that it will be a very severe check upon the trade in general here."

*Distressing Storm at New-London.*  
The violent storm of Thursday last, which

me die; had orders to detain every American who had no cellular certificates of their carrying American property. On the 6th day we were near losing the ship, being on the French coast within half a mile of the fire-works; it was then proposed, if I would take charge of the ship the crew should obey my orders, it was then blowing a gale of wind dead on shore, according I put up with the ship's head to the northward, and at 8 A. M. saw a sail to the W. sounding toward us, which proving to be a King's ship, I was ordered below, and when hauled the anchor was to Borneaux, from Boston, and with this answer the master would have left us, had I not hazardously hoisted one of the dead lights, and with the waving of my hand given her a signal. She then said as the weather was, and much to her credit, have above and fast her hawsers aboard, with three hands, by which I returned the Spanish prisoners, his mate and 3 seafarers, and the gale of creation the cutter was not able to lead me away to their assistance. I therefore proceeded as instructed, to this port, where I arrived on the 17th inst., and have applied to the American Consul here for assistance respecting my vessel, and now wait your returns to enable me to proceed according to destination.

Sir Home Popham has received notice of trial, and the Court Martial for that period will be held on board a flag-ship at Portsmouth on Monday next. The Court will consist of nine Admirals and ten Post Captains; the names of whom, namely, Admirals Montague, Colling, Young, Stanhope, Rowley, Holloway, Gower, Vansittart, and Strachan, will all meet the day at Portsmouth and Spithead, on Saturday next. The Court will be presided over by Mr. Justice Smith, and will be adjourned to the 20th inst., and will be again convened on the 23d inst., and will be adjourned to the 26th inst., and will be again convened on the 29th inst., and will be adjourned to the 30th inst., and will be again convened on the 31st inst., and will be adjourned to the 1st of March, and will be again convened on the 4th inst., and will be adjourned to the 7th inst., and will be again convened on the 10th inst., and will be adjourned to the 13th inst., and will be again convened on the 16th inst., and will be adjourned to the 19th inst., and will be again convened on the 22d inst., and will be adjourned to the 25th inst., and will be again convened on the 28th inst., and will be adjourned to the 31st inst., and will be again convened on the 1st of April, and will be adjourned to the 4th inst., and will be again convened on the 7th inst., and will be adjourned to the 10th inst., and will be again convened on the 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