

*[St.K. Kongressakten, Kart. 3, Fasz. 5, fol. 3/286r-v, Note Clancartys, dat. Wien 21. April 1815, Beilage TT]*

The Undersigned desires to enter on the Protocol the following remarks.

On the first of April certain arrangements were made, with respect to the service of the German contingent with the several armies: these, as far as relates to the Royal Saxon troops, were founded upon a proposal of His Highness the Chancellor Prince Hardenberg who, stating that these troops, the numbers of which he estimated at from 12.000 to 14.000 men fully equipped, had latterly shewn symptoms of meeting and discontent, proposed as the best means of rendering their services available, that they should be transferred from the Prussian Army to that commanded by Field-Marshal the Duke of Wellington.

The Undersigned, altho' from choice he would by no means have selected troops in the disposition in which these were represented to be, as those most likely to prove eligible to his court, yet impressed with the Justice of the Chancellor's argument of their becoming probably more efficient elsewhere than while acting with the Prussian Army – and from that desire of accommodating as far as possible to the opinions of his colleagues, for which he doubts not they will render him ample Justice, he did not hesitate to comply with the proposition, that the Royal Saxon troops should be placed under the command of Field-Marshal the Duke of Wellington.

The undersigned, upon reading over the Protocol séparé, signed upon the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. (then unaccompanied by any annexe), had no hesitation to affix his name to it, but upon procuring a copy of this Document on the following day, he was somewhat surprized at finding in the unsigned paper annexed to it the addition affixed under the 1<sup>st</sup> number of it as a print, which (tho' certainly mentioned) had been absolutely agreed to.

The undersigned cannot give his sanction to the limitation therein inserted for the following reasons:

1. That it would tend to diminish the force originally thought expedient to be added to the Duke of Wellington's army, and thereby bear upon the whole of the arrangement made on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.
2. That having already notified both to his court and to the Duke of Wellington the result of this arrangement, he does not now feel himself authorized to assent to any change, tending to diminish the means agreed to be placed at the Duke of Wellington's disposal.

3. That the measure, as now advanced, would have the effect of totally disorganizing the whole and every part of this Saxon Force, and render it for a considerable time unavailable for any effective purpose.

4. That the original arrangement can be productive of no detriment to his Prussian Majesty, as it has been already determined, that “la destination actuelle des contingens des Troupes Allemandes ne préjuge en rien les arrangemens a prendre pour l’avenir”.

The undersigned, therefore, has the honor to propose either that the whole of the Royal Saxon troops, as originally estimated by Prince Hardenberg at from 12 to 14.000 men, should, as originally agreed, be placed under the command of the Duke of Wellington, or that the whole of those troops should continue to serve with the Prussian Army, and that other contingents to the same amount should be forthwith assigned from that Army to act with the army of the Duke.

Vienna 21 April 1815

Clancarty [m.p.]