

[St.K. Kongressakten, Kart. 3, Fasz. 5, fol. 3/328r-329v, Clancarty en replique aux observations de M le Prince de Hardenberg du 29 Avril, jointes au Protocole sub Litt. UU, dat. Wien 1. Mai 1815, Beilage X.X; Ausfertigung]

The undersigned, altho' extremely averse to prolong discussion, feels it indispensable shortly to reply to the Note of His Highness the P. Hardenberg of the 29th Ins^t.

Whatever may be the impression upon the Chancellors mind upon this subject, the undersigned cannot admit that the proposal made by His Highness on the 1st of April with respect to the assignment of the Royal Saxon troops, then acting with the Prussian Army, to that of F.-M. the Duke of Wellington, can be considered merely as conversation.

It not only appeared to the Undersigned that the proposal was formally made, but was so taken, agreed to, & committed to writing, that the Royal Saxon troops, in their then state, & as contradistinguished from the Ducal Saxon troops, should be placed under the Duke of Wellington's command. In fact, the unsigned Annexe, with the exception of the words added after the first number & of which the undersigned complains, is a litteral transcript of the paper drawn out on the first of April. The addition made may truly be averred to have been mere matter of conversation, – most certainly it was never asserted to by him or even known to him to exist till the day after the signature of the Protocol séparé of the 18th Ult.

His Highness the Chancellor, not having stated in what manner the Selection from the Saxon troops, of the persons belonging to the Countries lately assigned to His Prussian Majesty, can be effected without disorganizing the whole & each part of that force, the undersigned cannot forego his opinion that such an operation must necessarily have the effect of still further deteriorating from the efficiency of that force. For this therefore, and for all the other reasons recited in his former note, he must reiterate his dissent to the measure in Question.

The Undersigned however experiences the most sincere & heartfelt qualification in bearing testimony to the accuracy of the concluding lines of the Chancellors note. It is indeed most true that the Prussian General has, with a promptness, which does him honor, evinced the greatest readiness to cooperate with the Allied force under F.-M. The Duke of Wellington. That not only these, but all the other combined Armies, tho' separately commanded, may be considered but as one, guided by the same object & moved by the same principle, must be the sincere & ardent wish of every loyal heart connected with the Coalition; but this desirable unity of Action does not render it the less essential, that each part of the grand whole should be composed both in point of Numbers & efficiency of troops of such an amount &

description of force as may enable it to fulfil with effect the important part assigned to it in the grand operations of the Campaign.

Vienna the 1st May 1815.

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