

Ramelsloh (3 miles) was much better, the best was in Haarbarg (2 miles), a fair sized town, which on account of its favourable situation for trade had very well to do citizens. Here there is a custom house, which is in a strong fort outside the town near the Elbe; the fortifications are fine and regular. The Elbe is here a mile wide and is dotted with numbers of islands, the good grazing on which is much sought after. You cannot imagine a finer sight than the view of one of Germany's most powerful commercial towns, the great Hamburg, across the broad river; and you have too a hundred other places around to win your admiration and delight. It was against our will that we left this place and took our last billet in Buxtehude (2½ miles), remaining over a day for rest. Although this place is as well situated as Haarbarg, the inhabitants are mostly poor and live chiefly by fishing. Then we made our last march to Stade (2½ miles), which we reached on the 5th March, without losing a single man from the regiment either by desertion or sickness. As the transports had not yet arrived we were quartered in the town; the soldiers being delighted at having another rest on their journey. Stade is a fairly large place and has a good fortress; it is joined to the Elbe by a little tributary, the Schwinge, so all goods have to be brought in very small boats.

Colonel Faucet having already arrived, on the 7th the corps was mustered and the oath of allegiance to the King of England taken. On the 12th of March our transports arrived, and the 13th the embarkation began with the Dragoons and Grenadiers. The 16th Riedesel's and the 17th Prince Frederick's regiments were embarked. The names of the ships from England are:—

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| (1) Pallas.....  | } Major General Riedesel,<br>1 Squadron Dragoons. |
| (2) Minerva..... |   |
| (3) Union.....   | Lt.-Colonel Baum.<br>Major Van Meibom.            |