

and dangerous position which we might be exposed to from the passage of a Prussian army through Saxony, to which our situation by no means allows us to make any opposition ; or perhaps from some proposal or ulterior demand of a more signifying nature, which his Prussian majesty might make us on this occasion. And to prevail on them to open themselves in the utmost confidence to you, concerning the measures which they propose making use of, in order to guard themselves against an unjust attack ; and at the same time to cover, and protect the king our master's territories, which become once more threatened, on account of our faithful attachment to our allies.

To answer this last purpose, it were undoubtedly necessary to assemble immediately a sufficient body of troops in the circles of Bohemia, the most contiguous to our frontiers ; and it would promote the service of both courts equally, if her majesty the empress-queen were pleased to give directions to field marshal Brown, that he would communicate and concert measures, at all events, and with the proper caution and secrecy, with our field marshal count Rutowski, who is already authorized for that purpose by the king.

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