

"Not to me, not to me—to the conqueror!" pointing to Chwostoff.

The detailed report, and the accounts given by the officers of the army present at this battle, of the heroic deeds of this officer, so greatly exceeded probability, that the commander-in-chief resolved to inquire of those immediately under him, and went, expressly for that purpose, to that part of the coast where the gun-boats lay. He addressed both sailors and soldiers, saying, "Tell me, friends, who was the cause of the victory?" To which they unanimously answered "Chwostoff."

The hand of Providence seemed to have protected his life in this battle. Four times the enemy's balls and grape shot destroyed the gun-boats under him; four times the waves covered him; yet he did not lose his presence of mind; was every where, and ordered every thing; animated the people, and commanded them to follow him. When the first gun-boat sunk under him, and he was taken up out of the sea, he went on board another, and his first word was "advance!" A ball having entered the prow of this gun-boat, and killed many men, the people, in the confusion, seeing the water enter, and not knowing how to stop the leak, were going to put about the vessel, when Chwostoff pulled off his uniform, ordered