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Intelligence
from Prussia.

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Dr. Sir 18556

I have received the following intelligence from Berlin
written the latter part of last month.

Bonaparte is stated to have demanded the fortresses
Coblenz and Graudenz

The King of Prussia has possibly refused to comply
with this demand, but has promised to prevent
all possible intercourse with the country and has
given very severe orders to that effect.

This demand of Bonaparte has caused much negotia-
tion between Berlin and Paris, the result of which
was not yet known.

Meanwhile the King of Prussia has begun
warlike preparations, and has assembled an Army
at Coblenz of about 30,000 men.

The cabinet of Berlin is stated to be divided
in two parts, one for and the other against the

French. The nobles for the greater part are for the
French, being much displeas'd with Count Hardenberg's
arrangements; by which they lose a great part of
their incomes and privileges. The King is very
indiscreet. The nation at large is stated to be
very violent against the French. The French
are stated to have a large force on the Prussian
frontiers.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Your most obed^t & humble servant

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May 24.