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Sir

Allow me to return
Your Majesty my most humble
thanks for your gracious Letter of
July 23^d which made me very
happy, and to express my gratitude
for the notice you have had the
goodness to take of General Melin
which is very flattering to me, and
a proof of the continuance of
the goodness and graciousness
with which you ever honoured me
and which I set the highest
value on.

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The Duke returned Yesterday from
Augeburg quite delighted with
the beauty and good Conduct of
the Russian Troops, he assures
me that though many of their
Regiments have marched nine
Months with only three days rest
at a time, during that period,
their looks do not shew their having
undergone any fatigue. The end
of next Week I shall go to
Robertweil and shall afterwards
have the honour of writing to
Your Majesty.

The taking of Mantua puts every body in good Spirits, and makes us all look forwards with anxiety to the most News from Italy, as we trust the addition of thirty thousand Men which besieged it and are now at liberty to attack the French Army, will strike Morreau with dismay and that he will be willing to evacuate all his Posts. - God grant General Cavahof the same Success in Switzerland. I am told he has said, that he cannot be assured of Victory crowning his Arms

