

captive guest by the hand, led him to the window and said. „To the warriors, who unmindful of the laws of humanity, devastate the fields, and wantonly stamp down the seeds, and with the villages, burn the mills, belong no bread.“

Ashamed and with gloomy glances as Friedrich so spoke, the Earl regarded his Allies, but the Victorious soon enlivened them by friendly conversation, and proved himself during the whole dinner as an attentive and affable host.

After the prisoners had been kept in custody a considerable time, Friedrich released them and their knights against considerable ransom, and reciprocal bond, never more to invade the Electoral-Palatinate.

Oggersheim.

Hans Warsch, the valiant Shepherd.

Once in the 30 year's war, a commander of Spanish troops chose the Rhine palatinate as the object of his enterprise, and in his excursion he arrived in the neighbourhood of Oggersheim. The terrified inhabitants fled in all haste, with their best effects, of all men one only remained behind, Hans Warsch the shepherd, who would not leave his just confined sick wife.

When the Spaniards appeared before Oggersheim; according to war-usage the gates of the town, were closed by the courageous shepherd, and from the watch-tower on which he had placed himself, he answered the enemy's trumpeter who demanded its surrender, that admission would be allowed to the Spaniards, for which their commander would insure the citizens protection for their property; in case of refusal of such reasonable conditions, the garrison were resolved to defend themselves valiantly. The commandant of the Spaniards consented to the conditions, and gave his word of honour for the conscientious fulfillment. Thereupon Hans opened the gate, and as the warriors entered Oggersheim they were astonished to see nobody in the streets, and still more astonished were they, to find (besides a woman and a baby lying in a hut) not a single person in any of the houses. Interrogated by the general the shepherd declared the other inhabitants had fled, but that he, in order not to leave his wife, just in confinement, without help, had remained.

Such true courage, and devoted affection to wife and child, moved the Spanish commander, he praised the brave shepherd, punctually fulfilled the conditions of the Capitulation, and even stood Godfather at the christening, which Hans Warsch kept in the most joyful manner.
