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**Correspondance générale de Napoléon Bonaparte
Publication of volume VIII:
« Expansions méridionales et résistances »**

The eighth volume of the *Correspondance générale de Napoléon* published for the Fondation Napoléon by Editions Fayard went on sale on 9 November, 2011.

Volume eight, « Expansions méridionales et résistances », covers the year 1808 and the following January, 1809. It contains 3,019 annotated letters, 2 studies, 3 family trees, a detailed timeline and two indices.

It follows volumes 1: «Les apprentissages. 1784-1797», 2: «La campagne d’Egypte et l’avènement. 1798-1799», 3: «Pacifications. 1800-1802», 4: «Ruptures et fondation. 1803-1804», 5: « Boulogne – Trafalgar – Austerlitz. 1805 », 6: « Vers le grand Empire. 1806 », and 7: « 1807. Tilsit, L’apogée de l’Empire », all published by Editions Fayard.

This project to publish Napoleon’s correspondence has been spearheaded by the Fondation since 2001 and is supported by the Archives de France, the Service historique de la défense, the Fondation La Poste and the Centre national du Livre. The project committee is headed by Victor-André Masséna, President of the Fondation Napoléon, and the project itself has mobilised some of the best specialists in Napoleonic history (namely, Jean Tulard, Jean-Claude Casanova, Jacques-Olivier Boudon, Thierry Lentz, Jacques Jourquin, André Palluel, Michel Kerautret, etc.), many of the world’s principal archival institutions, not to mention nearly two hundred volunteers, all keen connoisseurs of the history of the Revolution and the Empire.

Since 2004, eight volumes have been published by Editions Fayard, representing 19,961 letters, dated from 1784 to 1809, more than 40% of which were not included in the Correspondance published during the Second Empire and 33% of which can be considered as never before published.

Fourteen volumes are planned by Editions Fayard, the last appearing in 2017. In total, more than 41,000 letters by Napoleon (more than a third of which never before seen) will be published.

Napoléon Bonaparte, *Correspondance générale. VIII. Expansions méridionales et résistances (1808-janv. 1809)*, preface by General Gilles Robert, Head of the Service historique de l’Armée de Terre. Volume edited by Gabriel Madec, assisted by François Houdecek and Marie Baudouin. Editions Fayard, 2011, 1,700 pages, 54.90 euros (RRP).

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