



This expedition which had sought to bolster Sweden against Russian invasion sailed from Stockholm on 3 July 1808.

MOORE (12,000)

Russian forces invaded Finland 21 February 1808.

Exact Russian strength is unknown but totalled no more than 200,000 of which the bulk was stationed in the area north of the Priepet Marshes.

Total strength of occupation forces in Germany and Poland was 200,000.

British home defenders consisted of 87,000 regulars and 78,000 militia.

(Wellington's force assembling)

28,000 British troops stationed in the West Indies and North and South America.

Austrian forces remained in garrison Austria remained neutral.

The Spanish army was 116,000 strong.

20,000 British troops stationed in Ceylon and the East Indies.

5,000 British troops stationed in the Cape of Good Hope.

The British main battle fleet in the Mediterranean consisted of 20 battleships based on Gibraltar, Sicily, and Malta.

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