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PREFATORY NOTE

M. GILBERT was engaged for five years in the writing of this little work. During that time he was more absorbed in the life of the Prince de Ligne than in the life of our own time, pregnant as it was with great events. As the basis of his work he took the account of the Prince and his family, written by M. Wauters, in the *Biographie Nationale Belge*. This, with the aid of the extensive writings of the Prince himself, he has expanded into the present work. To a very large extent he has allowed the Prince to tell his own story, in his own entertaining way; and the French editor of the work assures us that these lengthy and judiciously chosen extracts from the Prince's *Miscellanies*—a series of nearly forty volumes—were the pages in which M. Gilbert took the greatest pride and pleasure. He has, however, expended upon the work no less critical research than artistic care. The first chapter, a long and most erudite genealogy of the Ligne family, has not been included in the present version.

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