

Sample timeline for March, 1800, *The Last Great Dance on Earth*

Note: Each citation is followed by a code number that refers to the text, followed by the page number. For example, [364-180 means page 180 of book 364, which, according to the bibliography I keep, is Bonaparte et le duc d'Enghien; le duel des deux France by Jean-Paul Bertaud.

The information is staggered in four stages:

Josephine's world ...

Josephine's family & friends ...

The country ...

At a distance ...

Mar. 2, 1800. Chastulé's husband, Alexandre de La Rochefoucauld (just recently off the List), is appointed Prefect of Seine-et-Marne, through Josephine's influence. [Masson 357-90 ... Mar. 1801

Mar. 3. Bonaparte creates an agency to administer the requests of the emigres. [364-180

Mar. 5. Napoleon meets with Cadoudal, royalist agent, hoping to win him to his side. ... 29th [Longman 316-37

Mar. 8. Napoleon's proclamation to the Nation: Frenchmen, you long for peace. ... The English have betrayed their horrible policy: ... (list) To war! etc. [199-353] See Thompson 173

--Napoloen extorts 10-12 million from Amsterdam. [Schom 298

Mar. 8. Napoloen to Joseph: M. de Staël in poverty and his wife (Germaine) is giving dinners and balls.

If you are seeing her, persuade her to make her husband an allowance of 1000-2000 a month. (If she were a wealthy man who left his wife in poverty) would that be a man with whom one could keep company? [199-353]

March 9. Anniversary year 4.

Mar. 13. Josephine writes to Thouin (professor of Mus. of Natural History) to return the plants he borrowed to the porter. [273-98]

Mar. 14. Pius VII elected in Rome. [342-246]

Mar. 15. Napoleon wrote Moreau: Today I am a kind of puppet who has lost his freedom and his happiness. Great honors are fine, but only when one imagines or remembers them. I envy your happy lot. Together with brave men, you are going to do admirable things. I would gladly trade my consular purple for the epaulets of a chef de brigade under your orders. [Castelot 174-166]

March 16. Napoleon has a review on Champ de Mars of all the troops now in Paris (many units recalled to Paris from the West). Josephine, Cambacérès and Lebrun etc. on balcony of Ecole Militaire. Field a mass of people, wild about Bonaparte. See Napoleon and Paris-49, in copy file.

Mar. 17. Bourrienne claims he found Napoleon stretched out flat on a huge map of Italy, sticking in red pins into the places to which he would lead his troops. [Castelot 174-167]

Mar. 17. Malmaison. Josephine writes Champagny on behalf of someone. [273-99]

March 19. Josephine's saint's name day, Saint Joseph.

Mar. 20. Napoleon to Bruix, at Brest and Brune. I've just learned that 45 English ships are blockading you. [199-355]

Mar. 20. Napoleon orders "Colonel" Louis (5th Dragoons, to Brest with a dispatch. [199-355]

Mar. 20. Napoleon places note in the Monitor encouraging young men enroll: "Glory awaits them at Dijon. ... enroll under the flags of the Reserve Army ." [166-386

Mar. 22, 1800. Fontaine note re Malmaison. Décor of small gallery finished. Napoleon pleased with it, then ordered dining-room enlarged, and other major changes made. [See Malmaison 157-18.

Mar. 25, 1800. Murat and Caroline's birthday (both): 33 & 18

Mar 26, 1800. Josephine writes Abrial, minister of Justice. [273-402

Mar. 28. Napoleon proposes Major-General Lefebvre to the Senate: too wounded to take the field any longer. [199-357

Mar/ 29. Napoleon has second meeting with Cadoudal. (first on the 5th) [316-37

Mar 30, 1800. Josephine writes François de Beauharnais. [273-402