

DUMOURIEZ

General of the French Revolution (1739-1823)

Charles François du Perrier, otherwise known as Dumouriez, was born at Cambrai at the peak of Louis XV's reign. A penniless but highborn French gentryman, he engaged while still in his prime in the dreadful Seven Years' War from which he returned badly wounded.

As the new Revolution began to take a hold Dumouriez ingratiated himself into the royal close circle until the king appointed him as his Minister for Foreign Affairs, but his astute counsel failed to protect Louis from his eventual downfall.

A period of warring on France's national frontiers resulted in Dumouriez taking full command of the North' and the full glory of the great victories of the dual battles of Valmy and Jemmappes.

However the suspicious of the Jacobins by now in power in Paris were aroused and incited them to have him arrested and face the guillotine.

He succeeded in evading their clutches by abandoning army and country, preferring exile elsewhere in Europe and in England where he died.

Isabelle Henry is a descendant of the Dumouriez family and has now fulfilled her wish to portrait an objective image of a historically controversial ancestor.

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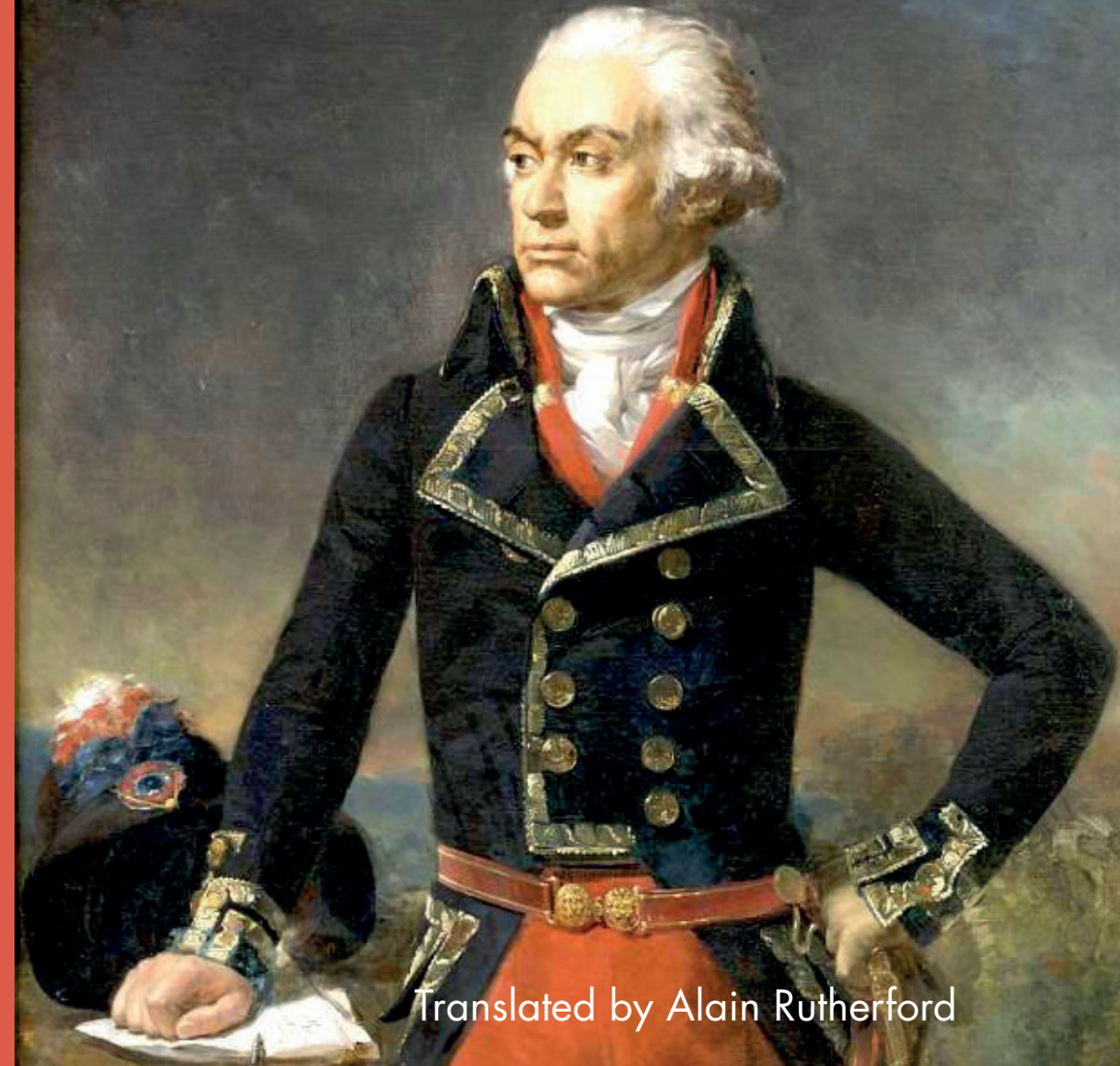
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