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TO THE DANISH EDITION. When, in the summer of 1858, I visited the graves of my Danish ancestors of the family of Ulfeldt, in the little village church at QuÃfÃ|rndrup, near the Castle of Egeskov, on the island of Fyn, I resolved to honour the memory of my pious ancestress Leonora Christina, and thus fulfil the duty of a descendant by publishing this autograph manuscript which had come to me amongst the heirlooms left by my father. It is well known that the last male representative of the family of Ulfeldt, the Chancellor of the Court and Realm of Her Majesty the Empress Maria Theresia, had only two daughters. One of them, Elizabeth, married Georg Christian, Count Waldstein, while the younger married Count Thun. Out of special affection for her younger son Emanuel (my late father), my grandmother bequeathed all that referred to the Ulfeldts to him, and the manuscript which I nowÃ¢ â•in consequence of requests from various quarters, also from high placesÃ¢ â•give to publicity by the learned assistance of Mr. Sophus Birket-Smith, thus came to me through direct descent from her father: Ã¢ â•EoeCorfitz, Count of Ulfeldt of the holy Roman Empire, Lord of the lordships KÃfÃ¶ltz-Jenikau, Hof-Kazof, BrÃfÃ¶dlich, Odaslowitz, and the fief Zinltsch, Knight of the Golden Vliess, First Treasurer of the hereditary lands in Bohemia, Ambassador at the Ottoman Porte, afterwards Chancellor of the Court and the Empire, sworn Privy Councillor and first Lord Steward of his Imperial and Royal Majesty Carolus VI., as well as of His Imperial Roman and Royal Majesty of Hungary, Bohemia,Ã¢ â„¢ &c

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