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(Coleman) " On the afternoon of Monday  
Thursday, April 16, in the Spring of  
1778, Count Casimir  
Pulaski came into the church  
(Bethlehem, Pa. Moravian)  
where the congregation was  
assembled to hear the reading  
of the second lesson of the day,  
the scene in Gethsemane. He  
was accompanied by 'the  
well known Col. Kobatsch'.  
The latter is mentioned in the  
diary, Jan 4, as a 'Prussian  
officer of Hessian who had  
long been living in  
retirement' but at that  
time was endeavoring  
to raise and equip a troop  
for the Continental service  
and hoped to negotiate with  
the saddlers, glovers, founders  
and other artisans of Bethlehem, to  
furnish him the necessary acc. but  
found that because of lack of  
materials and the demoraliz. caused  
by the occupation of the  
Brethren's house by the Hospital,  
they can not do it. He is

in original system by  
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mentioned again on July 31,  
as passing through from Easton  
"en route for Baltimore" with  
the troopers, equipped and mounted.  
His connection with P. seems  
to have commenced when the  
latter was, before this, preparing  
to recruit his legion, Spanish,  
as some writers state, about  
Baltimore.

### Note.

This name is found spelled  
Kowatz and Rowatz in public documents  
of the time. The Moravian diarist  
more familiar with the  
orthography of such East-Prussian  
and Polish names than Amer,  
civil and milit. officers, who often  
quite changed their form,  
probably spells it more correctly.

When the Indian incursions  
in July, 1778, began to endanger  
the frontier of Northampton  
County, the Government of Pa,  
in consultation with the  
board of war, appointed  
"Col. Kowatz" (Kobatsch) to  
guard the region, he having

under his command a  
small company of horse at  
Easton. (Col. Rec. XI. 531)

Robert Levers Esq. writing  
from Easton, Aug 25 - 1778 to  
Geo Bryan, vice pres. of the  
Executive Council, represents the  
appointment as an "unhappy  
choice" because he was totally  
inadequate to the important task  
of conducting military operations  
in an Indian country or in a  
country into which the  
savages may make inroads  
and devastations, he being  
as perfectly unacquainted  
with the country liable to  
be exposed to Indian  
ravages as he is to the nature  
of the Indian manner of  
fighting.

He says:

"Col. Howats in the  
Legion to which he belongs and for  
the service it is immediately  
raised may doubtless  
distinguish himself" but  
fears the people in the upper  
part of the Minnisinks  
"will soon feel a heavy  
blow from the enemy"

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and adds:

"That part of Gen. Pulaski's  
Legion which remain with  
Col. Kovats at his headquarters  
at Fort Penn I humbly ~~am~~  
of opinion cannot possibly  
render any service for the  
public in that very broken  
country but by way of  
expresses, and this is  
needlessly distressing that  
unhappy country to a  
very great degree".

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From all this it appears that  
in July and Aug, Kobatsch,  
instead of having proceeded  
to Baltimore, commanded  
that detachment of Pulaski's  
Cavalry which ranged  
and guarded the  
Missisinks.