

Kingdom of Bavaria

Status: Minor nation.

Description: Medium-sized state in central Germany.

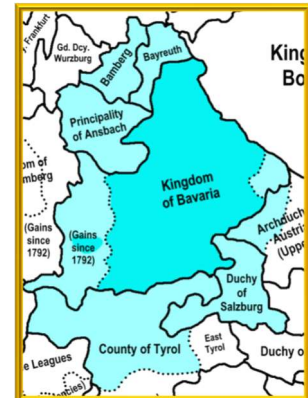
Monarch: His Majesty King Maximilian I Joseph (left).

Delegate: Count Maximilian von Montgelas (right).

Background

Bavaria was a central German state which had historically been a member of the Holy Roman Empire. Since the Empire was in a personal union with Austria, Bavaria was unwittingly dragged into the War of the First Coalition, and found itself stuck between the overbearing Austrians and warmongering French.

Bavaria's solution to this was to ally with France, which worked out extremely well when France started winning. **Bavaria's territory was increased** at Austria's expense, all for the small price of sending 30,000 Bavarian conscripts to die with the French army in Russia. When the French army was pushed back to Germany in 1813, Bavaria switched sides, cutting off French supply lines and playing a crucial role in the allied victory.



Bavarian territorial expansion between 1789 and 1812

Objectives

Bavaria's goals were to retain both the **territory and political autonomy** it had gained from Austria and the H.R.E. during the Napoleonic Wars. Unlike many of the smaller German states, Bavaria was **not interested in Austrian protection or German nationalism**, and hoped to retain its newfound status as a sovereign and independent power.