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## Handwriting example 10

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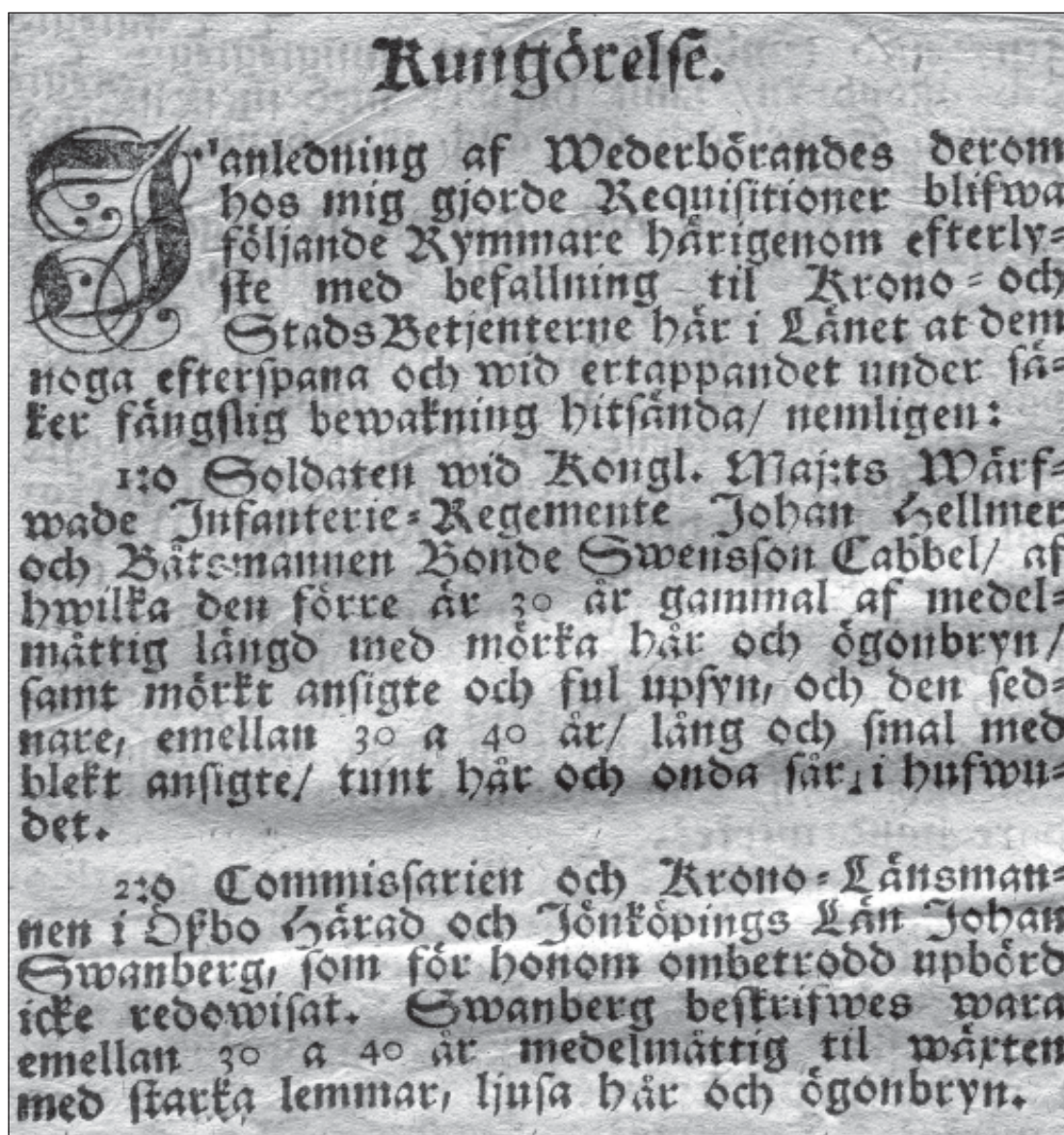
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# A Handwriting Example X



## What is this?

This is not a handwritten document; instead it is printed in the printing font that was the most common one in Sweden until the middle 1800s.

It is called *frakturstil*, and has some similarity with the handwriting style called *tyska stilen* or German style. The *frakturstil* was used in Germany well into the 1960s and may still be used there.

In English the same type of printing font is called "Blackletter" font. You may have a font called "Old Eng-

lish" in your computer; it belongs to the same font family.

What is this document? It is an example of the notifications that each county governor sent out to the parishes and bailiffs and other officials within his jurisdiction. Often they also contain information from other counties too, especially when they are searching for escaped prisoners, as the above text shows. The notifications can also be about advice on what plants you could eat when

the harvest was bad, or when there was to be a big auction, or when the Crown's pig iron, paid in taxes, was to be sold.

The parish pastor had to read this in church on Sunday. This was another inducement for people to go to church, to get the latest news.

The above document is dated 10 July 1800, and was sent out by the governor of Värmland.

*Translation on p. 20*