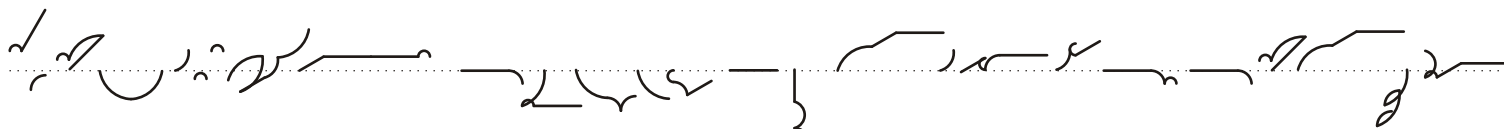


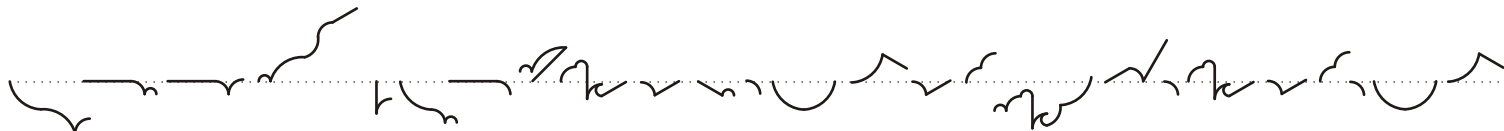
While we are numerous and well equipped, we have made those we face few and ill equipped. In this way we are able to attack an inferior army with a superior one



and our enemy will be in an impossible situation. The point where we choose to fight must be secret because then the enemy must prepare against



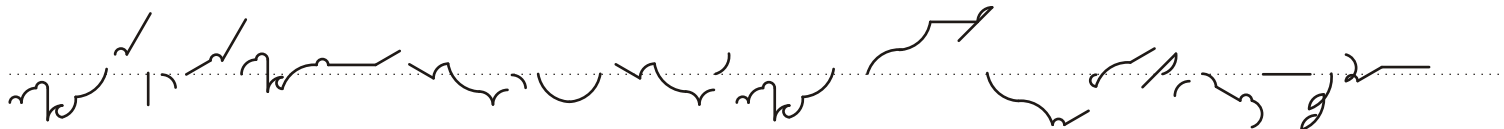
attacks at several places. And as his army is thus scattered and ill equipped, the soldiers we must face at our chosen point will be even



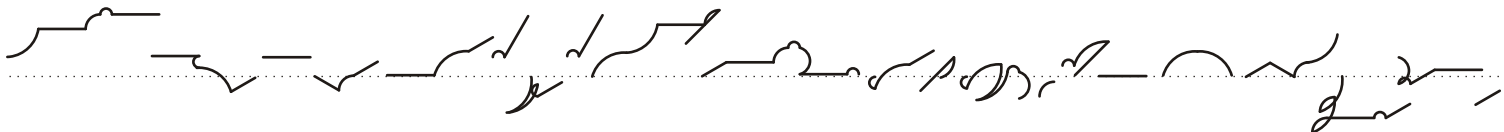
weaker than their numbers. For when the enemy reinforces his van, he will leave his rear unreinforceable; should he reinforce his rear, he will leave



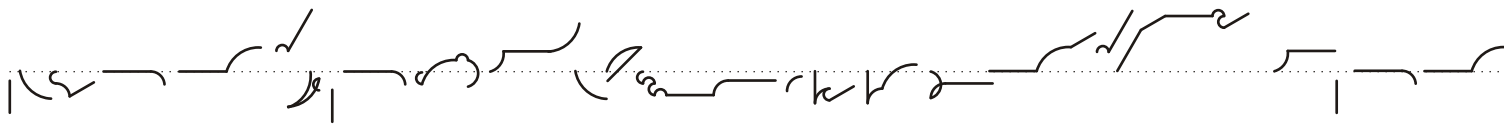
his van unreinforceable; should he reinforce his left, he will leave his right unreinforceable; should he reinforce his right he will leave his left



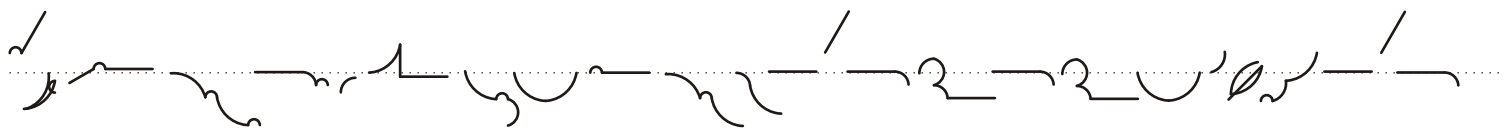
unreinforceable; and if he sends reinforcements everywhere, he will be everywhere unreinforceable. Military weakness comes by our having to prepare against



alternate attacks at various times and places, and military strength comes by compelling our enemy to make several preparations against us.



If we choose the time and place of the coming battle, we may concentrate our forces from great times and distances. But if the time



and place isn't known, then our left wing will not know how to aid the right, the right will be equally unable to aid the



left, the van will not know how to relieve the rear, nor the rear how to aid the van. This is obvious if the columns of