



The Leslie Palace (later The Thun Palace)

(No. 180/III, Malá Strana, Thunovská 14)

The first reports of buildings preceding the present structure come from as early as the 14th century, when it was the site of a magnificent house belonging to the nobleman Beneš of Kravaře. It disappeared during the Hussite upheavals and was not rebuilt until the beginning of the 16th century. It was then that it was entered into the land register, and over the years it remained in the possession of the higher nobility. In 1577 it was even acquired as a hereditary property, when the house had been previously owned by the Vice-Chancellor Georg Mehl von Strelitz, by Emperor Rudolph II. Following several further changes in ownership the building was acquired by Count Walter Leslie, who had it repaired between 1652–56, and afterwards sold it to the Salzburg archbishop and papal legate Count Quidobald Thun. The palace was then owned by the Thun-Hohenstein family until 1918. That the family held the building in great esteem is confirmed by its incorporation into the Thun fideicommissum in 1671. Between 1710–12 it was rebuilt in

- ◀ Zahradní vstup do paláce / The garden entrance to the palace / Eingang zum Palais vom Garten
- ▶ Hlavní schodiště / The main staircase / Haupttreppe
- ▼ Terasovitá zahrada ve stylu anglického parku / Terraced garden in the style of an English park / Terrassenartiger Garten im Stil des englischen Parks

