

Madame, Madame Elizabeth, and Mesdames, ranged themselves on each Side as usual. The Count and Countess of Provence, entering the Chapel, advanced to the Bottom of the Altar, and kneeled down on a Cushion placed on the Steps of the Chancel: The Archbishop of Rheims, Great Almoner, who came out of the Vestry the Moment the King entered the Chapel, presented his Majesty with Holy Water, and then went up to the Altar, which the King and Royal Family approached: This Prelate, after addressing a Discourse to the Count and Countess of Provence, began the Ceremony by the Benediction of Thirteen Pieces of Gold, and of a Golden Ring: He presented them to the Count de Provence, who put the Ring on the Fourth Finger of the Left Hand of the Countess, and gave her the Thirteen Pieces of Gold. The Marriage Ceremony being finished, and the Count and Countess of Provence having received the Nuptial Benediction, the King returned to his Seat, and the Great Almoner began Mass, during which the King's Band performed a Piece of Musick suitable to the Occasion, composed by the Abbé de Gaurgues, Master of Musick to his Majesty's Chapel. After the Offertory, the Count and Countess of Provence went to the Offering, and at the End of the Pater a Canopy of Silver Brocade was spread over their Heads, supported, on the Prince's Side, by the Bishop of Limoges, his First Almoner, and on the Princess's Side by the Abbé de Mofuges, her First Almoner; which was not removed till the Great Almoner had finished the Prayers. When Mass was ended, the Great Almoner went to the King's Seat, and presented to Majesty the Register of the Marriages of the Royal Parish, which the Curate, who assisted at the Marriage, had brought with him. The King, attended by the Royal Family, returned to his Apartment in the same Manner as had been observed in going to the Chapel.

As soon as the Countess of Provence was in her own Apartment, the Duke de Duras, First Lord of the Bedchamber in Waiting, had the Honour of delivering to her the Key of a Box of Jewels, which the King had ordered the Duke to send to her Apartment.—On their Return from Mass the principal Officers of the Countess's Household had the Honour of taking the usual Oath, in the Presence of the Duc de la Vrilliere.

The Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers had the Honour to be presented to the Countess of Provence by the Dutches of Brancas. The Lords and Ladies of the Court, who were not at Fontainebleau on her Arrival, had the same Honour the next Day.

About Six o'Clock in the Evening the King, attended by the Royal Family, and the Princes and Princesses who were at the Marriage, had a Drawing in the Great Gallery, and afterwards supped in Publick in the Saloon, which was prepared for the Royal Festival. Several Pieces of Musick were performed during the Festival, under the Conduct of Mons. Rebel, Knight of the King's Order, and Superintendent of the Musick.

After the Feast, the King conducted the Count and Countess of Provence to their Apartment, and the Archbishop of Rheims, Great Almoner, pronounced the Benediction of the Bed.

The 16th Instant, the Magistrates of the City of Paris, in their Robes, with the Duc de Chevreuse, had the Honour to compliment the Count and Countess of Provence, on Occasion of their Marriage, and to offer them the usual Presents. Mons. Bignon, Provost of the Merchants, made a Speech in the Name of the Magistrates and City; they were conducted to the Audience of the Count and Countess of Provence by the Marquis de Dreux, Grand Master, the Sieur Lallemand de Namouillet, Master, and the Sieur de Watronville, Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

The next Day, about Six in the Evening, the King and Royal Family went to the Play-house, where the Opera of the Queen of Golconda was performed; after which his Majesty was present

at a Fire-work played off on the Occasion, and supped in Publick.

*St. James's, May 28.*

The King has been pleased to present William Speke, Master of Arts, to the Rectory of Curry Maller, in the County of Somerset, and Diocese of Bath and Wells, void by the Death of Charles Pulteney, the last Incumbent.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 24th Day of *May, 1771,*

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board the humble Petition of sundry Merchants and Owners of Ships trading to the Baltick, relative to taking off the Quarantine at present subsisting upon Ships coming from those Parts—And whereas there was likewise read at the Board several Certificates from the Chief Magistrates and principal Merchants at Koningsberg, Riga and Narva, setting forth the healthy State of those Places, and the Regulations observed for the general Security; as also a Letter from several of the principal Merchants residing at Dantzick, representing, that the contagious Distemper, which made it's Appearance last Year, in some Parts of Poland, is entirely subsided, the Truth whereof is certified under the Hand and Seal of His Majesty's Consul at Dantzick:—His Majesty, taking the same into Consideration, and being desirous to remove all Restraints upon Trade, so far as may be consistent with the Safety of His Subjects, is pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, That the Quarantine at present subsisting upon all Ships from Dantzick, or any other Port or Place in Royal and Ducal Prussia, Pomerania, Samogitia, Courland, and Livonia, be taken off; and that all Ships and Vessels already arrived, or that may hereafter arrive, from those Places, be permitted to discharge their respective Ladings, without unpacking, opening, and airing, and without performing any Quarantine: Provided that they have no Cotton-Wool on Board; that they bring with them clean Bills of Health; and that the Master, or other Person taking Charge of such Ship or Vessel, do first make Oath before the Custom-House Officer, or Chief Magistrate, on their Arrival at the Place where they are bound to, that the Crews are free from all Infection:—And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Lieutenant General and the rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governor or Commanders in Chief, for the Time being, of the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 24th Day of *May, 1771,*

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 1st of November last, to direct, that all Ships and Vessels whatsoever, having Rags or Cotton-Wool on Board, should perform a Quarantine of Forty Days—And whereas, the better to prevent the Infection then raging in some Parts of Poland, from being brought into this Kingdom, His Majesty was pleased, by a subsequent Order in Council of the 9th of December last, to direct, that all Ships coming from Hamburgh or Bremen, and having Rags, Cotton-Wool, Hemp or Flax, or Human Hair, or Feathers on Board, should likewise perform a Quarantine of Forty Days. And whereas there was this Day read at the Board the humble Petition of a Committee appointed at a very numerous Meeting of the Paper Manufacturers of this Kingdom, humbly praying, for the Reasons therein