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THE Grand Revolution, that was feared would be the consequent of the Armes Revolt, was yesterday effected, in the deposing of Sultan *Mahomet*; and setting on the Throne his Brother *Solyman*, which proceeded by these steps: The Grand Signior had entertained some hope, that the Disorders of the Army would have been allay'd upon the arrival amongst them of the Seliclar Aga, with Assurances from him, That their Arrears should be all paid: That besides a considerable Donative, all their Demands should meet with a Compliance. And some Persons in credit with him, having insinuated, that one of the great Disgusts of the Army was, that they were possess'd that he retain'd a secret Kindness for the late Vicer *Solyman*, and that he reliev'd the shewing of it to a convenient season to their prejudice; he declared his Resolution to sacrifice him and all his Dependents to their Satisfaction, and approved of the Advice given him to seize the Estate, nor only of the Vicer, but also of the Caimacan, the high Treasurer and chief Custom, with those of the other Principal Officers, towards raising the Money necessary to be distributed amongst the Troops. In the mean time Couriers arriv'd daily from the Army with no other accounts, than that they threaten'd nothing less than the dethroning the Grand Signior; and that they continu'd their march by easie Journies towards *Constantinople*; and soon after the Seliclar returning, acquainted the Grand Signior, that the *Sciatus* Bassa had indeed received the Seal and Standard, but it was with such an affected indifference, as shew'd he did not hold himself much oblig'd by the Honour confer'd on him, declaring at the same time, that he did not know whether he should undertake the burthen of so weighty a Concern, till he were satisfied that his Highness would contribute his endeavours toward correcting the Disorders of the Government, which could not be made appear but by his willingness to retrench his exorbitant Expences, and to punish such Ministers, whose Incapacity, Negligence and Avarice, had brought things to that confusion: Upon which Notice, the Grand Signior thought it necessary, towards preventing their designs, to begin himself that Reformation, which he found he should be oblig'd to; and in order to it, he assembled, on the 10th of *October*, an Extraordinary Council, at which were present the Nichangi, or Secretary of State, the Kadleskers, or chief Judges of *Romelia* and *Anatolia*, the Kadis or Judges, with others vers'd in the Laws; where, after having express'd himself in very moving Terms, in relation to the present unhappy Circumstances of Affairs, he told them, That since the beginning of his Reign, things had been so managed, as not to deserve censure or reproach; and if of late they had been in another posture, it proceeded from the Vicer's not having executed his Commands, and with-holding from him the true Accounts of what pass'd: But that they had fall'n under the Punishments due to their Miscalriages, and he was ready to do the same Justice on all those who shall be found failing in their Duty; and, if that were not sufficient, he was contented, not only to develt himself of the Empire, but to lay down his Life also, if that could any way conduce to the good of the State, and to the advancing the Glory of the *Ottoman* Name. The Advice given him was to retrench great part of his Domestick Expences, which now amounted to above 9 Millions, wherein he far exceeded any of his Predecessors; and that the Officers of the Army should be made acquainted with this Resolution, as also that a plentiful Winter-quarter was provided for them, in order to stop their march: And accordingly about 1000 Women Servants, that attend on the Sultana's, were dismiss'd the *Serail*, with a great number of other unnecessary Officers and Servants. *Muhtafa Kaperli*, Brother-in-law to the *Sciatus* Bassa, being sent for, arriv'd the 11th, and then was held another Council of the Great Officers, to which were called four Devotes or Religious Persons, held in great Estimation for their strict Lives, to give greater Authority to the matters under debate; and there the Resolution was taken, that the Vicer *Solyman*, Raga, the Caimacan, his Kiata or Lieutenant, the chief Custom and

Each others, who were most obnoxious to the Army, should be put to death; *Solyman* was strangled the same day, having first made a solemn Protest, and only desired, (which he had made, his Slaves might be all set at Liberty; and a Chaos was immediately sent with his Head to the Army: That the others were not immediately strangled, was only that they might be first tortured to discover their Estates, and they disclosed among them 4 or 500000 Crowns, which had otherwise been concealed. At the same time a Chaos was sent to Rhodes for the Head of *Ibrahim*, a former Vicer; and two days after, another Express was sent to Countermand the Order, but he came too late, for he found the Execution already done. On the 25th the News was brought by two Couriers, that the Army was come as far as *Adrianople*: That they persisted in their Demands of Justice to be done on the Principal Officers, and grew sensibly more inflamed upon the report being spread, that the Grand Signior had contiv'd the Escape of the Caimacan and others, whose Heads they had demanded. On the 26th and 27th, the two Cadleskers or chief Judges, the Killer Agull or chief of the Eunuchs, the Bostangi-Bacha, and the Tetterdar or Treasurer, were deposed and ordered to be sent to the Army with a Guard; they were carried away the 29th, and all butcher'd by the Soldiers, beginning with the Tetterdar; and an Officer in the Army interposing in his behalf, upon pretence that he ought to be kept to give an account of his Administration of the Revenue, they dispatch'd him also to bear him Company. The same day was sent to the Army all the Money that was found in the Houses of the Vicer, the Caimacan, and his Lieutenant, which amounted to near 2000 Purfes (of 500 Dollers each). And the Grand Signior writ to the new Vicer, That he would have him continue at *Adrianople* with the Army, and not proceed on any pretence, till further Order: But the next day News was brought, that neither the death of those Great Officers, nor the distribution of so much Money, had any way qualifi'd them; but that the Principal Officers declared; that they were fully determined to remove the Grand Signior, to make way for his Brother: This Advice exceedingly disturbed him, and produced in him a sudden Resolution to kill, not only his Brothers, but his Sons also, as being the only means left to preserve his Authority and Life; and in order to put it in execution, he went, with some of his Attendants, armed to the Apartments where they were kept, but the Eunuchs, who had before private Instructions sent them by the *Sciatus* Bassa, how to behave themselves, refused him Entrance; whereupon, endeavouring to force his Passage, he wounded two of them, but the chief of the Eunuchs aiming, with the rest, continued in his opposition, and advertized the Bostangi Bassa of what pass'd, who coming to his Assistance, they conducted the Princes to the *Old Serail*, where a Guard was appointed for the Security of their Persons: The Grand Signior, surpriz'd and enraged with this Resistance, commanded his Followers to strangle the Bostangi, which they refused, and the Bostangi told him, he could no longer acknowledge his Sovereignty; and advis'd him, in stead of going about to take away the Lives of others, that he would consider how to preserve his own, which now depended on the absolute Pleasure of his Brother *Solyman*; the Grand Signior hearing this, like a Sentence pass'd upon him, retired to his own Apartment, where he was under a Guard little differing from a Prisoner, and continued thus till the 8th Instant, without having any account of what pass'd. And that day the new Musti, the two Cadleskers, the Caimacan, the Aga of the Janisaries, and other Principal Officers, who came before from the Army with a Detachment of 1500 Men, met early in the morning at *Saukfa Sophia* the chief Mosque, where, after Prayers, they put the Question to the Musti, Whether, for the good of the Empire, *Solyman* might not be placed on the Throne, and *Mahomet* IV. be deposed? who, having resolv'd it in the Affirmative, and according to custom, put it into a Fetia or solemn Decree: They went all immediately to the *Old Serail*, and about eight in the morning there Proclaim'd *Solyman*; and the same was done in the Evening throughout the whole City, and in *Galata* and *Para*, amidst the loud Acclamations

clamations of the People. *Mahomet* had heard nothing of the Change till about Noon, when, calling for his Horses to take the Air, the Eunuchs told him, he must first send to ask leave of Sulthan *Solyman* his Brother, who soon after sent an Order written with his own Hand, to this effect, That as *Mahomet* had kept his Brothers in Prison for 40 years; it was but just that he should be shut up as long himself to do penance for his Sins; and at the same time ordered him to be secured: To those that came to seize him, he only said, What have I done to deserve this Usage? To which it was answered, That if there were no more in it, he had now Reigned 40 years, and that ought to content him. The present Sulthan is about 45 years old; tall and well proportion'd, of a strong Complexion; he and his Brother were by different Mothers: He is in great Esteem amongst the Men of the Law, who are also their Expounders of the *Alcoran*, as one that has acquired a great Skill in the Laws by a constant application to these Studies during his long Confinement. This Alteration has been wrought without any manner of disturbance, or the least interruption to the ordinary Trade and Business of this City: That for what appears as yet this unfortunate Prince is gone off the Stage of Majesty, with as little Noise as if it had been represented only in a Scene, what may follow upon the new Viceroy's arrival cannot yet be foreseen, who is expected within 3 or four days, and then the Inauguration Ceremonies will be performed at the Mosque of *Jubi*. The same thing that has now hapned, had like to have befallen *Mahomet* at his first coming to the Crown, by the Faction of the Janissaries, who had murdered his Father *Ibrahim*, and more than once conspired to lay him aside in favour of this very *Solyman*; and they were not recovered out of their vicious ferment, but by the seasonable Severities and prudent Conduct of the Two *Kuperli's*, Father and Son, who were Grand Viliers successively; the first of which, is said, in the 5 years time that he had the publick management of Affairs, to have caused 5 or 6 and thirty thousand to be executed: And they were both of them careful that the Armies should not want employment to give vent to their boiling Spirits, by which means, they not only kept the Helm of the Government steady, but spread the terror of the Ottoman Arms, they seldom failing upon any of the Neighbouring Countries, that they did not carry away a piece; so that it was in this Reign, and under their Ministry, that the Transilvanians lost *Waradin*, the Emperor *Novigrad* and *Newbausel*, the Poles *Camniec*, and the Venetians *Canidia*, not to mention what was done against the *Moscovites*, and more remote parts; the Grand Signior in the mean time (having such Men to rely on) gave himself up to the Pleasures of the Field, and Hunting, which was his predominant Passion, wherein he was engaged to excess, being otherwise a Prince (if compared with his Predecessors) without Cruelty, without Covetousness, and without Ambition; a Lover of Justice and Moderation, and one that deserved, from his Subjects, a kinder Fate than what has attended him, since his Misfortunes are made his only Crime, or rather the Pretence to excuse the unsuccessful or faint Performances of his Army.

Vienna, Decemb. 21. On the 17th instant the Garrison of *Agria* marched out, having 270 Wagons furnished them; they were conducted to *Great Waradin*: There was found in the place 107 Pieces of Brass Cannon, with Ammunition sufficient for a long Siege; but there was neither Bread or other Provision for Men or Horses. It is believed that the Residence of the Governor of *Upper Hungary* will be removed from *Cassovia* thither: The Court is expected from *Presburg* about the beginning of the New-Year: In the mean time we hear the Articles are drawing up, as it is intended they shall pass for the Satisfaction of the States, and the settling the Government of those Countries. There are two Envoys at *Presburg* from the Prince of *Moldavia*, sent to demand the Assistance of some German Regiments under the Command of such Officer as the Emperor shall please to set over them, which he engages to mount and recruit, and to join his own Forces with them to act in concert against the *Turks*; and as a Pledge of his sincere Intentions, he offers his Eldest Son to be left at *Vienna*. The Hungarian Prisoner is strictly Guarded; his Examination is deferred till the Return of the Court. There are great Endeavours used to recruit the respective Regiments, in order to which, 6000 Men are to be raised in the Circle of *Sabbia* and *Franconia*. A Party from *Alba Regalis* returning a second time to drive away the Cattle from before *Palotta*, were attack'd by the Garrison, who kill'd 30 of them, and took several Prisoners, with 100 Horses.

Brussels, Jan. 6. To morrow the Nations of this City are to assemble to give their consent to a Subsidy of 600000 Florins agreed to some Months since by the States of this Province. The

Letters from *Madrid* of the 18th of December mention, that the Conde de *St. Estevan*, formerly Viceroy of *Sicily*, is now named, to succeed the Marquis *del Corpio* in the Viceroyalty of *Naples*; and that he is ordered to hasten thither. The Duke de *Madina Geli*, upon his permission to return to Court, having laid down his great Offices, in obedience to the Kings Commands, the place of Master of the Horse is given to the Duke de *Sissa*, President of the Council of Orders, whom the Count de *Talara* succeeds in that Employment. The Butchery is given to the Duke de *Infantado*, and the Presidentship of the *Indies* is conferred on the Marquis de *Joze Velez*, which he had only the execution of before. They write from *Cologne*, that the *Imperial*, *Bavarian* and *Brandenburg* Envoys were still there; That endeavors had been used to put off the Election for some time, but the Chapter continued firm to their Resolutions of proceeding to a Choice on the day prefixed, which is to be tomorrow; and there seems to be no variation in their intentions towards the Person first designed; and that the Bishop of *Breslaw* is retired to *Duseldorp*, and will not be present at the Election.

The Sheriffs appointed by His Majesty for the Year ensuing.

For NORTH-WALES.

Anglesey,	Owen Bold Esq;
Carmarven,	William Pugh of Penllin Esq;
Denbigh,	Maurice Wynn Esq;
Flint,	Sir John Egerton Baronet.
Montgomery,	Robert Leighton Esq;
Merioneth,	John Jones Esq;

SOUTH-WALES.

Brecon,	John Ginter Esq;
Caeruarthen,	John Evans of Treventy Esq;
Cardigan,	Charles Lloyd Esq;
Glamorgan,	Sir Humphry Ewryn Kt.
Pembroke,	William Lucy Esq;
Rainor,	Sir John Edwards.

Advertisements.

To Morrow will be published a Vindication of the Proceedings of His Majesties Ecclesiastical Commissioners, against the Bishop of London, and the Fellows of Magdalen Colledge. Sold by Richard Janeway.

A Catalogue of divers Choice Books in most sorts of Learning and Languages, consisting of betwixt 8 and 9 hundred Folios, besides in other Volumes, to be sold by way of Auction on the 23d Instant, at the White Horse in St. Pauls Church-yard amongst the Woollen Drapers. Catalogues are distributed at Mr. Notts Bookseller in the Pall Mall, Richard's Coffee house at Temple-Bar, Mr. Wild at the Bible and Crown near Ludgate, Mr. Watts at the Angel in St. Pauls Church-yard, Mr. Wallalls at the Heart and Bible near the Royal Exchange, Bookellers; and from the beginning of the next week at the said place of Sale.

THE 28th of December last, a Merchant employ'd a Porter from Mercers-Court in Tower Street, to carry 147 pieces of Culgees, East-India Taffata's, all red Grounds, with great Flowers of several Works, except 20 or 30 yellow, purple, and blew Grounds. The said Porter is supposed to have his Ticker, being a middle ag'd Man, his own Hair brown, a grey loose Coat on, Pockholes in his Face. If any such Goods be proffered to be sold or pawn'd, you are desired to give Notice to Mr. Ewance, and Mr. Purceval Goldsmiths at the Black Boy in Lombard-Street, and you shall have 10 Guinea's Reward.

These are to give Notice, That the Persons lately living in the Royal Bagnio in Long-Acre, are removed from thence; and that the said Bagnio will be shut up, in order to be repaired for the better Accommodation of all such Gentlemen and Ladies resorting thereunto; and when opened again, publick Notice shall be given in the Gazette.

Stray'd or stolen near Birmingham in Warwickshire, a dappled grey Nag, well shaped, all his Paces, above 13 hands. Whoever gives Notice of him to Mr. James Tubbinaw at Birmingham aforesaid, or to Mr. Thomas Tubbinaw, a Whole-sale Ironmonger by the Old Swan-stairs near London Bridge, shall have 3 Guinea's Reward.

ON the 13th Instant, Stray'd or stolen out of some Grounds in Steppny, a Sorrel Mare, a Blaze on her Face, her Mane half shorn, dopt Eard, a hurt on her near Side, near 14 hands. All a bay Mare Colt, a Blaze on her Face, one Wall-Eye, a blackish Mane and Tail, her Hind-feet white, somewhat low-back, above 13 hands. Whoever gives Notice of them to Mr. Heart near Bishopsgate, London, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Stolen or Stray'd the 16th of August last, out of the Grounds of Mr. Veriman Post-Master of Shropshire upon Stour, in the County of Worcester, a brown bay Gelding past 4 years old, 15 hands, no white half Mane, a thick short Neck, a black Bob Tail, and this made behind, trois hair, paces little. Whoever gives Notice of him to the aforesaid Mr. Veriman, or Mr. Fisher at the White Horse in Pump-hall Lane, London, shall have 10 Guinea's Reward.