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Constantinople, April 9.

TH E French Ambassador died suddenly in the beginning of *January*, in the height of his Negotiation for hindering a Peace with the Germans, and his Endeavours to make *Teckelely* Prince of *Transilvania*, whom he supplied with Money: His sudden Death, and private Burial that Evening, in his own Chapel, made the Turks think, that having made great Promises to the *Port*, and told them many things, which they found afterwards to be false, he was fled for Fear and Shame; His Janisaries were examined, whether he was really dead; And to take of this Suspition, some days after, a solemn Funeral was made for him. On the 20th of *January* the Tartar Han arrived at *Adrianople*, the *Vizier* having sent his *Kia*, with 300 Soldiers of his Guards, 20 *Agas*, the *Chiaus-Bashi* with 40 *Chiaus*, &c. 2 days Journey to meet him, and going himself, attended by his *Agas*, the two Generals of the *Spahi*, with the *Spahi* in the City, &c. two hours distance from *Adrianople*, where a Tent was pitched to receive the Han: The *Vizier* having reposed half an hour, the Han approach'd, and the *Vizier* met him at the Entrance of the Tent, and went before him, conducting him in, where having drunk Coffee and Sherbet, they again mounted their Horses, the *Vizier* going on the Right, and the Han on the Left, the *Viziers* Guards and *Chiaus* marching before, and the Pages and *Mutick* following, with 300 Tartars; Being come to the *Vizier's* Palace, he entered first, and then the Han, and while he alighted, the *Vizier* stood at the Stair-head to receive him, and went before him to the Chamber of Audience, where the *Vizier* sat on the Left Hand, and the Han on the Right, and having had a long discourse, they afterwards sup'd together; which being ended, the *Vizier* vested him with a *Sables Vest*, and then accompanied him to the Stair-head; The Han mounted a Horse, presented him, with all the Furniture, by the *Vizier*, and was conducted to a Palace prepared for him. The next day the *Vizier* went and visited him; And on the 23d sent to invite him to his Audience of the Grand Signior; He was first conducted to the *Vizier's* Palace, and after a short stay there, to the *Seraglio*, accompanied with the *Vizier*; Which they entered at the Garden Gate, going directly to the *Boitangee Bashi's* (or Chief Gardener's) Lodging, where they dismounted; And while they were drinking Coffee, the *Vizier* was call'd to the Grand Signior, and a little after came the *Capaga* and *Capigilar Kia* to conduct the Han to the Chamber where the Grand Signior was; The Han being entered, bowed his Head, and put his Hand to the Ground, and the Grand Signior came down from his Throne, advancing three Steps to receive him, and saluting him with bowing his Head, and then returned to his Throne, the Han sitting on a Stool on his Right Hand, and the *Vizier* in the same manner on the Left; After a quarter of an-hour's Discourse the Han was vested with a *Sables Vest*, with great Gold Buttons and Loops, and a *Sables Cap*, with two small Feathers on each side set in Jewels, and having taken leave he mounted a Horse furnished as for the Grand Signior himself, 40 Tartars walking a Foot 2 by 2 before him, next the *Chiaus Bashi* with his *Chiaus*, and then the Master of the Ceremonies, and after them the Han on the Right Hand, and the *Vizier* on the Left, and behind them the *Vizier's* Court, and then the Han's *Vizier*, with all the Tartars two by 2, vested with Vests given them by the Grand Signior; And being with this Pomp come to the *Viziers* Palace-Gate, the *Vizier*, without alighting, saluted the Han, and went into his Palace with the Captain of his Guard and his Pages, and the Han, with the rest of the Retinue, went to his Quarters. Several Constitutions were held the days following about reducing *Yeghen* *Bassa*, *Scutari* of *Hungary*, and it was resolv'd to make a new *Seraiquier*, to which Place one *Arab* *Ragab* *Bassa* was preferred, and the *Nut-*

riam or *Arrierban* was ordered to be raised, and some Tartars commanded by the Han to join them. The Nephew of *Yeghen*, a Youth of 18 years old, who was going to him with about 40 Men, was not long after taken at *Philipoli*, and their Heads brought to *Adrianople*. The Head of the *Bassa* of *Silistria*, who had been *Yeghen's* *Kia*, was likewise brought to *Adrianople*. On the 13th of *February* the Tartar Han had his Audience of Leave of the Grand Signior; He was vested with a *Sables Vest*, and Girt with a Scimitar, Bow and Quiver, set with Jewels, and presented a Horse with Imperial Furniture; At his return from Audience he alighted at the *Vizier's* Palace, where was held a great Council, the *Mufti*, two *Cadileskers*, and *Janizar* *Agas*, and all the Chief Officers of the Janisaries, and the two *Agas* of the *Spahi* assisting thereat; The Consult being ended, all went away but the *Mufti*, who staid with the Han and *Vizier* till Evening; and the next day the *Vizier* accompanied the Han out of Town, as at his first Entrance.

There came about this time 800 of the Robbers in *Asia* to *Scutari*, over-against this City, pretending their design was to serve the Grand Signior in his Wars; But it being feared that they had a Correspondence with *Yeghen*, above 10000 Men were sent out of this City against them, who lay 4 days in fight of them, not daring to attack them, and suffered them at last to march away. On the 9th of *March* the Heads of *Yeghen* and 16 of his Chief Officers were brought to *Adrianople*; He went with about 800 Men into *Albania* to one *Mahmut* *Beg*, who, commanding 4000 Men in those Mountains, received him at first very kindly, but afterwards betray'd him. This *Yeghen*, from a Robber in *Asia*, made himself General of the Turkish Army, and for 18 months did what he pleased. The *Port* was much rejoiced at his Death, which put an end to the Rebellion in *Europe*; But in *Natolia* it succeeds not so well, for *Gedic* *Bassa* of *Sivas*, an old Companion of *Yeghen's*, having got together 4500 Men, and being joined by the 800, that went from *Scutari*, near *Bruta*, fell upon the Turkish *Bassa*, who had raised the *Arrierban*, routed them, and kill'd the Turkish *Bassa* upon the place: He makes the Cities and great Towns pay Contributions, and burns the Villages that will not furnish him with Provisions. This gives great Disturbance to the *Port*, it hindering any Succours coming from *Asia* to the War. The *Vizier* prepares to go into the Field, and will call the Grand Signior with him; The Design is, (if Peace be not made,) that the Turkish Army shall pass the *Danube*, and march towards *Temfwaer*; And that the Tartars shall enter *Transilvania*, and make *Teckelely* Prince of that Country; And the Han, having done this, is to succour *Waradin*, *Giula*, and the other Places the Turks are still Masters of in *Upper-Hungary*. But their Forces are very weak and Provisions mean; And the want of Money is great, for they coin Copper Money; not worth a Tenth of the Intrinick Value, to pay the Soldiers. It's strange to see the misery this Empire is reduced to in so few years.

Hamburg, July 5. The Accommodation of the *Hallein* Affair is the great News we have to communicate from hence; Which as it secures the Peace of these Parts, that were just going to be involved in a War, so it is of great Advantage to the Common Interests of *Christianity*; for that the Princes, who would inevitably have been engaged in this Quarrel, are now at Liberty to turn their Arms against *France*. The Imperial Envoy, the *Baron de Goeckens*, with the other Ministers Mediators, an Envoy from the Duke of *Holftein*, and two Deputies from this City, are gone to complement the King of *Denmark*, who is now in this Neighborhood. His Majesty will this day take a Review of his Army between *Witzhagen* and *Grund*, and afterwards return to *Glinestadt* and *Copenhagen*, having, as we are assured, offered to assist the Elector of *Bran-*
delburgh with 6000 Foot and 2000 Ho. Sc.