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THE last advices from *Servia* say, The Enemy had not only destroyed all the Country of *Cassova*, but that the Tartars had made an incursion as far as *Precopin*, &c had burnt several Villages thereabouts; and that a great Body of Turks lay between *Kazaneck* and *Cumanoa*. That in the meantime the Imperialists fortified themselves at *Nissa*; whither a great quantity of Ammunition and Provisions had been sent from *Belgrade* and other places in *Servia*; And that General *Veterani* had sent Reinforcements to *Piro*, *Bassa Palanque*, and the other Posts on that side. 'Tis said that the Marriage of the Prince of *Poland*, with the Princess of *Neubourg*, is concluded, through the interposition of the Popes Nuncio at *Ausbourg*, and that an Expres has been dispatch'd to *Poland* with the news of it.

Ausbourg, Jan. 28. The 22d Instant all Strangers were warned by Sound of Trumper to leave the Town; The next day the Marschal of the Empire, Count *Papenheim*, visited the Foreign Ministers, to desire them to retire that Afternoon, when, 'tis said, above 24000 Persons went out of this City; At four of the Clock the Gates were shut up, and the Keys delivered to the Elector of *Mentz*. The 24th early in the morning all the Burghers were in Arms; about eight of the Clock the Electors assembled in the Town-House, and having put on their Electoral Habits they Rid to *St. Ulrich's* Church (a *Benedictine* Monastery) in the following order. First went several Coaches in which were the Canons and Gentlemen belonging to the Electors; then several Persons a foot with the Pages; after them the five Marschals of the Electors, each with a gilt Baton in his Hand; then 3 Noblemen on Horseback carrying 3 Swords in the Scabards with the points up before the Ecclesiastical Electors, who Rid together, *Mentz* in the middle, *Triers* on the right, and *Cologne* on the left; next Rid two Noblemen with Swords up before the Electors of *Bavaria* and *Palatine*, after whom came the three Plenipotentiaries, Count *Kinski* for the King of *Bohemia* in the middle, Baron *Gersdorf* for *Saxony* on the right, and the *Sieur Dankelman* for *Brandenburg* on the left; Then followed the Electors Guards and Coaches of State, and on each side of the way were placed the Burghers in Arms. Being come to the Church, the Abbot of *St. Ulrich* attended by his Monks met, and led them to the High Altar, where they thus seated themselves on red Velvet Chairs; On the Right *Triers*, *Bavaria*, *Kinski*, and *Dankelman*, in the middle just before the Altar *Mentz*, and on the Left *Cologne*, *Palatine* and *Gersdorf*; by each Elector stood his Marschal holding up the Sword of State; Then the Abbot went on with High Mass, which was sung to extraordinary Mutick till they came to the Elevation, at which time the Plenipotentiaries of *Saxony* and *Branenburgh* withdrew; Mass being ended 8 Sheets of Paper were laid on the Altar, one for each Elector and Plenipotentiary; and the Elector of *Mentz* read the Oath to be taken by them; whereby they obliged themselves to chuse such a One King of the *Romans* as the Golden Bull described, and who should be most for the good of the Empire, and that they would be determined by the Plurality of Voices; The Ecclesiastical Electors Swore holding their Right Hands on their Breasts, the Secular and the Ambassadors with two Fingers on the Evangelists; after which the Electors and Plenipotentiaries retired into the Vestry with two Sworn Notaries, and about 22 Persons of their Council; the Marschal of the Empire keeping the Key of the Door; but the Keys of the City the Elector of *Mentz* carried in with him; When, notice being given that They

were gone in to the Election, all the Cannon was Fired round the Town, which was about 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon. The Electors having taken their places, *Mentz* made a Speech to them on the Occasion of their Meeting; and Read aloud the Capitulation which they had agreed upon; after which all the Counsellors withdrew, and the Electors and Plenipotentiaries writ down their Votes; and delivered them to the Elector of *Mentz*, who finding them Unanimous for King *Joseph*, he declared him to be duly Elected King of the *Romans*; This was followed by *Long live King JOSEPH*, which quickly Ecchoed all over the City. Then the Electors agreed to send a Deputation to the Emperor and to the King, to acquaint them with what they had done, and to desire them to accept and approve of their Choice. In the mean time several Persons of Quality were admitted into the Vestry, to whom the Elector of *Mentz* read aloud the Decree of the Election; *viz.* That the Electors and Plenipotentiaries had with one Voice and Consent chosen His Majesty *Joseph* King of *Hungary* for King of the *Romans*, which was Registered by the Notaries; and then the Electors granted a Dispensation of Two Years Age to the Young King, that he might Act as Emperor at the Age of Sixteen, (in case of his Fathers Death) though the Constitutions of the Empire require Eighteen. By this time notice was brought the Electors, that the Emperor and King were coming in Person to them. The Emperess and the Electresses of *Bavaria* and *Palatine* went before *incognito*, to see the Solemnity. The Emperor and Young King being carried thither in two Coaches with six Hories, were first conducted into *St. Gregory's* Chapel, where the Imperial and Regal Habilliments lay; which having put on, the Electors and Ambassadors presented themselves to their Majesties, their Sword-Bearers turning the points downwards before them. From hence they went in Solemn Procession to the Vestry, where the Emperor being placed on his Throne, the Elector of *Mentz* made a Speech, thanking the Emperor for the Honour he had done them in coming thither, and acquainting them with the Election they had made, which they prayed them both to accept of, and to permit them to Congratulate the new King; After this the Capitulation was Read, and the King asked, Whether he would Swear to observe it, and Ratifie it anew when he came to Age, Which he assenting to, the Oath was administered to him, he laying a Finger upon the Evangelists. The Emperor in a very Elequent Speech thank'd them for the Choice they had made, and promised to Educate his Son so, as that he should want none of the Qualifications of an Emperor mentioned in the Golden Bull; and then addressing himself to the King, informed him of the great Charge he had Undertaken, and gave him abundance of most good Advice. The young King likewise thank'd them for the Honour they had done him, and for their Dispencing with his Age. After which the Elector of *Mentz* again proclaimed him King of the *Romans*; of which the Notaries made an Authentick Instrument. This done, they went with the same Solemnity to the Quire, where the Emperor being seated on a Throne, the Electors placed the New King on the Altar, whilst the Abbot of *St. Ulrich* repeated the usual Prayers, and Sung *Te Deum*, at which time all the great and small Shot of the Town was again Fired; Then the Gates of the Church were opened for all People to come in, to whom the Provost of the Cathedral Church of *Mentz* read out of a Gallery the Decree of the Election 3 times, which was answered with Shouts of *Long live King JOSEPH*, and the Cannon was the 3d time fired round the Town. This was about 7 of the Clock; when they began the Procession from the Church to the Emperors Palace on Boards covered with red, white, and yellow Cloth (the Colours of the King of the *Romans* Liveries) in this order