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At the Court, at St. James's, the 3d of April, 1712.

P R E S E N T,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day his Grace Henry Duke of Beaufort, took the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, his Grace being Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, and of the Cities of Bristol and Gloucester, and Counties of the same.

This Day the Right Honourable Henry Earl of Rochester, took the Oaths appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, his Lordship being Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cornwall.

Petersburg, March 2. N. S. Yesterday the Czar publickly solemniz'd his Wedding with his Empress Catherin Alexewna, which had been deferr'd for some time, by reason of his Czarish Majesty's making the Campaign the last Summer. About two Hours before the Czar set out from Mosco, in Winter last, he summon'd the Empress Dowager his Sister, the Princess Natalia and two other Sisters, to whom he declared this Lady to be his Empress, and that they should pay her the Respect due to her in that Quality, and in case any Misfortune should happen to him during the Campaign, should allow her the same Rank Privileges and Revenues as were usual to the other Dowagers, for that she was his real Wife, tho' he had not then time to perform the Ceremonies according to the Custom of his Country. This City has, for some time past, been design'd for the performance of that Solemnity, and reparations have been made accordingly: A few Days before, Monsieur Kykin, a Lord of the Admiralty, and Adjutant General Jagufinsky were sent to invite the Company to his Majesty's Old Wedding, which were the Terms they were order'd to use. The Czar was married in the Habit of an Admiral, and for that reason not his first Ministers or Nobility, but his Sea Officers, had the chief share in the Solemnity of that Day. The Vice Admiral Cruys, and the Rear Admiral of the Gallies, were the Bridegrooms Fathers, and the Empress Dowager with the Vice Admiral's Lady, were the Bride-Mothers. The Bride-Maids were two of the Empress Catherin's own Daughters, one about five and the other about three Years Old, but as these Princesses were too tender to bear the Fatigue, after they had appear'd for a little time, their Places were supplied by the Czar's two Nieces, Sisters to the Dutches of Courland. The Wedding was perform'd privately at Seven a Clock in the Morning, in a little Chapel belonging to Prince Menzikoff, where no Person assist'd but those who were oblig'd to it by their Offices. The new Married Couple retir'd to the Prince's House, and staid there till Ten of the Clock, and then proceeded to the Czar's Palace, where all the Company was gather'd according to the Invitation. The Ceremony was very noble, with Trumpets Kettle Drums, a great many rich Liveries and several Sleds with six Horses. Prince Menzikoff carried the Marshal's Staff, and Vice Admiral Cruys was in the Sled with the Czar at his Right Hand as his Father.

The Company at the Palace was very splendid, the Entertainment magnificent, and the Evening was concluded with a Ball, Fireworks and Illuminations.

Coire, March 11. N. S. The Baron de Greuth is return'd hither in the Quality of his Imperial Majesty's Envoy to the Grisons and has presented his Credentials to this State. The Passages continue still to be shut up on the side of Germany, but are open towards the Milaneze, from whence the People of this Country may bring what quantity of Corn they think fitting.

Florence, March 22. N. S. General Zuminghen, with several other German Officers, have been to view Fort Philippo, which is situated on a Promontory over against Porto Hercole, and it is thought necessary it should be taken before they can regularly besiege the latter. Upon their approach, the Governor of the Place made several Discharges of his Cannon, but without any effect. The Snows are deep, and the Weather has been very severe in these Parts, but as soon as it grows better, the Imperialists design to Attack the Place in Form; for which purpose they are to be joynd by a Body of Troops that have been sent from Naples, and arriv'd on the Thirteenth Instant at Orbitello, with a Train of Artillery, and all other things necessary for such an Enterprize. We have advice from Genoa, that a Vessel from Barcelona has brought Orders to the Duke of Uceda, to prepare all things for the Embarkation of Eight thousand Foot, and Fifteen hundred Horse, that are to be transported to Catalonia.

Hanover, April 1. N. S. We have advice from Carelsroon, that the Suedes intend to transport Sixteen thousand Men into Pomerania, before the Danes can be in any condition to hinder them. Two Officers of the Suedish Fleet have been condemn'd to have their Heads struck off, for having held a Correspondence with the Danes, and their Father, who was privy to these Actions of his Sons, and did not discover them, is confin'd to a perpetual Imprisonment. Some Days since two hundred Men sallied out of Stralsund, with a Design to cut Wood for Palisadoes, on the side of Rostock, but were attack'd by Six hundred Danes belonging to the Garrison of the Place, who defeated them and took several Prisoners. His Danish Majesty is still at Coldingen, and they write from thence, that his Infantry is recruited and compleat, but that the Cavalry want a great many Horses.

Berlin, April 2. N. S. The Prince of Hesse, Cassel being very well satisfied with his reception here, set out Yesterday for Flanders; during his Stay in this Place, he had several Conferences with the Prince Royal, Monsieur Ilgen, and Monsieur Kamke about the Succession of the Principality of Orange, but it is not said they are come to any conclusion. General Fleming arriv'd here on Sunday last, and was to have departed Yesterday to follow the King his Master into Poland, but having receiv'd a fresh Express, his Journey is deferr'd, and he continues his Conferences with the Prussian Ministers, concerning several important Matters relating to the Northern War.

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