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**T**HE King of Spain having consented, for the Preservation of a Balance of Power in Europe, and the facilitating of a General Peace, to renounce all Right that he or his Posterity might hereafter claim to the Kingdom of France, his Majesty signed the following Act agreed upon for that purpose, at ten a-Clock this Morning, and swore upon the Holy Evangelists to observe the same, in presence of the Council of State, and of the Chief Nobility. The Cortez or States of this Monarchy having been summon'd to meet here, in order to enact this Renunciation into a Law, his Catholick Majesty, attended by the President of Castille and Council of State, went into their Assembly at three this Afternoon, where in a short but very moving Speech, he acquainted them with what he had done, and the Motives that had engaged him to it, which were afterwards more fully explained in a Declaration read to them by the Secretary of the Camera. The Representative of the City of Burgos, in the Name of the rest, returned an Answer to his Majesty full of Acknowledgments for his Affection to the Spanish Nation, in preferring them to that of France. When this was done the Cortez adjourn'd, and agreed to meet again, in order to confirm and approve the Act of Renunciation. The Queen and Prince of Asturias, as also the Lord Lexington, who has not yet taken upon him any publick Character, were present at the whole Solemnity.

**D**ON Philip, by the Grace of God, King of Castille, Leon, Arragon, both Sicilies, Jerusalem, Navarre, Granada, Toledo, Valencia, Galicia, Majorca, Seville, Sardinia, Cordova, Jaen, the Algarves, Algizares, Gibraltar, the Canary Islands, the East and West Indies, and Terra Firma of the Ocean Sea, Archduke of Austria, Duke of Burgundy, Brabant and Milan, Count of Hapsburg, Flanders, Tirol and Barcelona, Lord of Biscay and Molina, &c. For the Evidence and Publication of this Instrument and Writing of Renunciation and Quitting Claim, and to preserve the Memory thereof for ever, I do hereby Notifie and Declare to all Kings, Princes, Potentates, Commonwealths, Communities, and Private Persons that now are, and shall be in future Ages: That whereas one of the chief Intentions of the Treaties of Peace now depending between the Crowns of Spain, France, and England, is the Preservation of the Balance of Powers in Europe, in such manner that too many being united together this desired Balance and Equality may not be lost, to the Advantage of one of them, and so the Peril and endangering of the rest, and for the facilitating of a general Peace which may be firm and durable. It was proposed and insisted on by England, and agreed to on my part and that of the King my Grandfather, that, to avoid in all future Times the Union of this Monarchy with that of France; and that it may not happen in any Case, reciprocal Renunciations should be made on my part, and that of my Posterity, to any possibility of succeeding to the Monarchy of France, and on the part of those Princes, and all their Descendants present and to come, to any possible Succession to this Monarchy, by framing a distinct Narrative of the Abdication to be made by the two Royal Crowns of each Monarchy, of all the Rights they might Claim of succeeding reciprocally to each other, separating by the lawful Means of my Renunciation my Branch

from the Royal Stem of France, and all the French Branches from any Communication which might be derived to them by Alliance of Blood with the Royal Stem of Spain; but at the same time, that for the above-mentioned Reasons care is taken that the Monarchy of France is never to be joined to that of Spain, we must steddily pursue the fundamental and constant Maxim from which we are not in any Case to depart, viz. the Preservation of a Balance of Power; therefore the Inconveniencies are likewise to be avoided that would arise, if upon failure of my Issue this Monarchy should again devolve to the House of Austria, which by the addition of so considerable a Dominion to that of the Empire and Hereditary Countries would become very formidable, which Consideration was thought sufficient in former Times for dismembering the Hereditary Dominions of the House of Austria from the Body of the Spanish Monarchy. It being for this purpose stipulated and agreed by England with me and the King my Grandfather, that upon failure of me and my Issue this Monarchy shall fall to the House of Savoy, which being descended from the Infanta Donna Catharina, Daughter of King Philip the Second, and having never departed from that Claim, has an evident and known Right, that Friendship and perpetual Alliance being premised, which is to be sought and brought about, between the Duke of Savoy and his Posterity and this Crown; since one ought to believe that with this perpetual and firm Hope this Balance will never vary, with which all the Powers shall thus in a friendly manner have brought themselves into an equal Poise, being tired with the Labours and Uncertainty of Battles, no Power being left to any one Party to alter this Balance settled by Treaty, by the means of any Contract, Renanciation or Retrospection; but the Reason of its perpetual Duration is to prevail, which induces the admitting it, and framing it into a fundamental Constitution, which, like an unalterable Law, shall regulate the Succession for the time to come. I have considered the Premises, and out of the Love I bear to the Spaniards, and the Knowledge I have of what I owe them, and in regard to the repeated Instances I have received of their Loyalty, and to shew to the Divine Providence, with the Resignation I owe to its Decrees, the Sense I retain of that great Blessing of having placed and maintained me upon the Government of so many Illustrious and Well-deserving Subjects, I have resolved to Abdicate for me and all my Posterity any Right of succeeding to the Crown of France, being desirous never to depart from my Resolution of Living and Dying with my Beloved and Faithful Spaniards, leaving to all my Posterity the indissoluble Bond of their Loyalty and Love. And that this my Resolution may have its due Effect, and an end may be put to that which has been look'd upon as one of the chief Motives of the War wherewith Europe hath been hitherto Afflicted, of my own Motion, free, spontaneous, and unconstrained Will, I Don Philip, by the Grace of God, &c. do, by this present Instrument, for my Self, my Heirs and Successors, for ever Renounce, Relinquish and quit Claim to all Pretensions, Rights and Titles which I or any of my Posterity have at this time, or may have at any time hereafter to the Succession of the Crown of France. And I declare and hold my Self excluded and separated, my Self and my Children, Heirs and Posterity for ever, excluded and disabled, absolutely and without limitation, defence and distinction

of Persons, Degrees, Sex and Time, from the Adition and Right of succeeding to the Crown of France: And I Will and Consent for me and my said Posterity, that from this time for evermore, the same be held to be passed away and transferr'd to such Person as, through my and their being excluded, disabled and incapacitated, shall be next in Succession, and immediately after the King, by whose Death a vacancy shall happen; and the Succession to the said Crown of France, ought to be settled upon and yielded to him, in whatever Time and Case it shall fall out; to have and to hold the same as lawful and true Successor, in the same manner as if I and my Posterity had not been Born, or in Being in this World; for that We were to be considered and reputed as such, to the end that neither in my Person nor in theirs, any Foundation may be found or had for an active or passive Representation, beginning or continuation of a Line effective, or containing any Substance, Blood or Quality, or any Posterity may be derived, or any Pedigree from the Persons of the Most Christian King my Lord and Grandfather, or the Lord Dauphin my Father, or the glorious Kings their Progenitors, or to any other effect, for entering into the Succession, or anticipating the degree of Kindred, or excluding from it the Person who, as is above-mentioned, shall be next in Succession. ' I Will and Consent for my Self, and for my Posterity, that from this time forth for evermore, this Right shall be looked upon and considered as passed away and transferred to the Duke de Berry my Brother, and his Issue and Posterity, Male-born, in constant lawful Wedlock; and in Default of his Issue-Male to the Duke of Orleans my Uncle, and to his Sons and Posterity Male-born, in constant lawful Wedlock; and in Default of his Issue to the Duke de Bourbon my Cousin, and to his Sons and Posterity Male-born, in constant lawful Wedlock, and so on successively to all the Princes of the Blood of France, their Sons and Posterity, Male, for ever, according to the Place and Order in which they may be called to the Crown by virtue of their Birth-right, and consequently to such of the said Princes as (upon the forementioned Exclusion, Disability and Incapacity of me and all my said Posterity) may happen to be next in degree, immediately after such King by whose Death the Crown of France should become vacant, and to whom the Succession may belong, at whatever Time and in whatever Case the same may happen, that he may enjoy it as lawful and true Successor, in the same manner as if I and my Posterity had not been born'. And as a Confirmation of the greater validity of the Act of Abdication of all the Right and Title that might avail me, and all my Posterity, in regard to the said Succession to the Crown of France, I depart and desist particularly from that which might be derived to me from the Right of Naturalization, by the Letters Patents or Instrument by which the King, my Grandfather, preserved and reserved to me, and enabled me to enjoy a Right of Succeeding to the Crown of France, which Instrument was dispatch'd at Versailles in the Month of December, in the Year 1700, and passed, approved and register'd by the Parliament; and I Will that it shall not serve for a Foundation to the Purposes for which it was intended; and I refute, and renounce it, and declare it null, void, and of none effect and cancell'd, and as if no such Instrument had ever been executed. And I promise and oblige my Self on the Faith and Word of a King, that in whatever depends on me and my said Children and Posterity that are and shall be, I will procure the Observation and Accomplishment of this Writing, without permitting or consenting that any thing be done to the contrary, directly or indirectly, in the whole or in part; and I desist and depart from all and whatever Remedies, known or unknown, ordinary or extraordinary, and that either of common Right or particular Privilege might avail me and my Children, and Posterity, to reclaim, assert, or

alledge any thing against the same; and I renounce them all, and especially that of the evident Lesion, enormous and most enormous, which may be look'd upon to have been in the quitting Claim, and renouncing the Right of being able to succeed at any time to the said Crown. I Will that none of the said Remedies, nor any other of whatever Number, Efficacy, Importance or Quality they be, may avail or be of any use to us. And if in Fact, or under any Colour we should attempt to seize the said Kingdom by force of Arms, or should make an Offensive or Defensive War against it, that from this present time, and in all time to come, it be judged and declared Unlawful and Unjust, and wrongfully Undertaken, by Violence, Invasion and Usurpation; against Reason and Conscience; and on the contrary, that may be judged and called Just, Lawful and Allowable, which shall be made or undertaken in behalf of him, who, by the exclusion of Me and my said Children and Posterity, is to succeed to the said Crown of France, whom his natural Subjects are to receive and to obey him, and to yield and swear to him the Oath of Homage and Fealty, and to serve him as their lawful King and Lord: And this quitting Claim and Renunciation for Me and my said Children and Posterity, is to continue firm, stable, valid and irrevocable for ever, and in all times to come: And I assert and promise, that I have not made nor will make any Protestation, or Reclaiming publicly or privately to the contrary hereof, which might hinder or lessen the validity of what is contained in this Writing; and that if I should make any, tho' it were upon Oath, it shall not be valid or of any force or effect. And for the greater validity and certainty of what is contained in this Renunciation, and of what I therein assert and promise on my Part. I do again engage my Royal Faith and Word, and I solemnly Swear by the Gospels contained in this Missal on which I lay my Right Hand, ' That I will observe, maintain and fulfil this Act and Instrument of Renunciation, both for me and all my Successors, Heirs and Posterity in all the Clauses therein contained, according to its most natural, literal and plain Meaning and Construction'. And that from this Oath, I will not demand to be releas'd, and if it be by any particular Person demanded or granted of their own Motion, I will not make any Use or Advantage of it, but in case the same should be granted, I swear another like Oath, That I will always preserve and maintain this One, against all Dispensations that might be granted me. And I execute this Writing before this present Secretary, Notary of this my Kingdom, and Sign the same, and cause it to be sealed with my Royal Seal.

The Managers and Directors of the Class Lottery for 1,800,000 l. Anno 1712, notwithstanding their great Care, by various Examinations to have the Account of the Tickets drawn in each Class, their Chances and the Course of Payment exactly and correctly Publish'd, find themselves obliged to notice the following Errata's, which appear to be in the Printed Books thereof, viz. Errata's to be rectified in the First Class, Page 8. the Ticket drawn, 238 in course to be, 2,235—105 l. instead of 2,835—105 l. Page 25. the Ticket drawn, 1,010 in course to be, 16,277—105 l. instead of 16,227—105 l. Errata's to be rectified in the 2d Class, Page 3, the Ticket drawn, 10 in course to be 3,659—110 l. instead of 3,659—100 l. Page 21. the Ticket drawn, 905 in course to be, 17,505—200 l. instead of 17,525—200 l. Page 48. the Ticket drawn, 2,225 in course to be, 6,365—110 l. instead of 6,365—10 l. Errata's to be rectified in the 3d Class, Page 22, the Ticket drawn, 876 in course to be, 2,151—115 l. and 180 l. instead of 2,151—180 l. Errata's to be rectified in the 4th Class, Page 40, the Ticket drawn, 1,754 in course to be, 15,846—200 l. instead of 15,846—400 l. Page 55, the Ticket drawn, 2,471 in course to be, 11,094—120 l. instead of 1,194—120 l. Page 93, the Ticket drawn, 4,331 in course to be, 1,113—200 l. instead of 1,130—200 l. Page 94, the Ticket drawn, 4,416 in course to be, 9,670—300 l. instead of 9,673—300 l. Errata's to be rectified in the 5th Class, Page 15, the Ticket drawn, 550th in course to be, 739—125 l. instead of 7,039—125 l. Page 35, the Ticket drawn, 1,455 in course to be, 11,754—125 l. instead of 11,754—121 l. Page 36, the Ticket drawn, 1,507 in course to be, 13,279—200 l. instead of 13,279—400 l. Page 116, the Ticket drawn, 5,449 in course to be, 8,452—125 l. instead of 8,456—125 l. Page 125, the Ticket drawn, 5,880 in course to be, 9,557—200 l. instead of 9,557—125 l.