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St. James's, February 26.

HER Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to appoint Samuel Thompson, Esq; to be Her Agent and Consul-General at Algier.

Hamburg, February 24. N. S. We have received Advice, that the Fortrefs of Tonningen was deliver'd to the Swedes, by Order of the young Duke of Holstein, whom the Senate at Stockholm have declared to be of Age. Whereupon his Danish Majesty hath taken Possession of most of the Towns and Lands in that Dutchy, as an Enemy's Country, and he hath already bestow'd several considerable Grants there upon his Ministers. The Confederates finding it impracticable to force Count Steinbock to a Battle, after he had got Possession of Tonningen, resolv'd to send their Troops into Winter Quarters round about that Place, in order to block up the Swedes, and reduce them to Extremity by Famine. The Czar had taken leave of the King of Denmark at Husum, in order to return by this Place and Hanover into his own Dominions: But he hath defer'd his Journey for some time, upon advice that the Swedes were attempting to pass the River Eyder. Letters from Bender of the 16th past bring an Account, that the King of Sweden was still there, but all Matters were preparing for his Departure, the Day of which was conceal'd with great Care.

Berlin, February 25. N. S. The King, who for some time was thought to have been out of Danger, had a Relapse on the 22d, but afterwards he grew so much better, that no Body doubted of his Recovery till last Night, when his Distemper returned upon him with great Violence, and encreas'd to such a degree, that this Day about Noon he died, as he was speaking to the Prince-Royal and some of his Ministers, having preserv'd his Senses to the very last. He was in the Fifty sixth Year of his Age, and the Twenty fifth of his Government. All the Gates of the City were shut immediately after his Death, and it is said they are to continue so, till the great Officers of the Crown have taken the Oaths of Fidelity to the new King, who hath given his Seal to Monsieur Kameke, Great Master of the Household, Count Dhona, and Count Finck, with Orders for them to Seal up the Coffers of his deceased Father. The Queen is still at Perbenitz, and is not yet recover'd of her Indisposition.

Hanover, February 28. N. S. His Electoral Highness hath sent several Officers of the Court to Vinsen, on the Frontiers of his Dominions, to receive and Compliment the Czar, who is expected there this Evening, and to Morrow at this Place. Monsieur Van der Goes, Envoy from the States-General to the King of Denmark, is arriv'd here from Hamburg. Letters from Holstein bring Advice, that the Swedes had made an attempt to pass the Eyder at Tonningen, and Two thousand of their Horse were already gone over, when the Muscovites attack'd, and forc'd them to repass the River. In this Action the Swedes had not above Forty Men killed and wounded: The greatest Loss they sustain'd was of Four hundred Germans that desert'd, and Three hundred Horse that they were oblig'd to kill, to hinder them from falling into their Enemy's Hands. If the ill Weather had not made them defer the Execution of their Design for two Days, their whole Army would have got over, and they might have gone out of Holstein without Opposition, but this Delay gave the

Muscovites time to advance and prevent them. We are assur'd, that there is a Reinforcement of Troops in Sweden ready to embark for Wismar, to make a Diversion, and favour the retreat of General Steinbock, who hath but a small extent of Country about Tonningen for the Subsistence of his Troops.

Brussels, February 27. N. S. The States of Brabant have lately transmitted some new Instructions to their Deputies at Utrecht, with Orders for them to continue there for some time longer. Three Battalions of Danish Troops which are order'd to return home, have taken up their Quarters during several Days in the Villages near Bruges, and declared that they will not pursue their March till they have received Satisfaction from that Town, for what remains due to them upon Account of their last Winter Quarters. But Application having been made to the Duke of Wirtemberg, for easing the Country of the Charge of those Troops, he hath given Directions for them to proceed on their Route, and their Pretensions are to be stated, in order for their Payment. Yesterday a Deputy from the Province of Flanders arriv'd here in his way to Utrecht, Another was dispatch'd some Days ago by the Council of State, with Informations to the Imperial Ministers, concerning the Interests of the Trade of these Provinces.

Utrecht, March 3. N. S. On the 27th past, the Imperial and French Plenipotentiaries were together in Conference in the Presence of those of Her Majesty, upon the Subject of evacuating Catalonia, and a Convention is sign'd for that purpose. On the 1st Instant the same Ministers met again, and immediately after the Imperialists dispatch'd a Courier to Barcelona, as the French did likewise to their Court, and their Lordships sent another to the Duke of Shrewsbury at Paris. Yesterday Morning the Ministers of the Duke of Savoy were in Conference with those of the Queen, and in the Afternoon the Plenipotentiaries of France and Savoy met in the Presence of their Lordships. The same Day advice was brought to the Ministers of Prussia of the King their Master's Death, which they have since notify'd to the other Ministers residing here, and have received Compliments of Condolance from them upon that occasion. This Day Count Sinzendorf and Baron Kirchner were in Conference with Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries, who afterwards had another with those of the States General, Count Van der Nat, a Privy Counsellor of Holstein Gottorp, arriv'd here last Week, and having had several Conferences with the Queen's Plenipotentiaries on the present situation of Affairs in that Country, he went away to the Hague, where he intends to stay two or three Days, and then to proceed on his Journey to Great Britain.

London, February 27. Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord Paget died, and is succeeded in Honour and Estate by the Right Hon. the Lord Burtoh his only Son.

The Rt. Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, do hereby strictly require all the Men belonging to Her Majesty's Ships in Sea-Pay at Chatham, which are absent from the said Ships, to repair to their Duty by the 10th Day of March next, and diligently attend the same, as they will answer the contrary, by the forfeiture of the Wages due to them.