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Vienna, August 23.

ON Sunday the 20th Instant were celebrated at the Imperial Palace of the Favorita, the Nuptials between the most Serene Archduchess Mary Josepha of Austria, and the most Serene Frederick Augustus Electoral Prince of Saxony. The Empress Amalia repaired thither about Three in the Afternoon from the Emperour's Palace in this City, with the Bride and the Archduchess Mary Amalia her other Daughter. The Electoral Prince came about Six from Bisamberg, two Leagues from hence, and went directly to the Apartment of the Emperour's Great Chamberlain to repose himself till the Hour appointed for this Ceremony. In the mean time the Empress Mother and the Archduchesses her Daughters came also to the Favorita.

About Eight in the Evening the Electoral Prince, preceded by the Noblemen in his Retinue, went to the Emperour's Apartment, and from thence the Imperial Family proceeded to the Emperour's Chapel. A great Number of the Nobility and the Imperial and Saxon Ministers marched before, being ranked according to their Quality and their several Degrees; then came the Electoral Prince richly dressed in a Silver Stuff with Diamond Buttons followed by some Imperial Ministers; the Emperour came next, then the reigning Empress, the two Empresses Dowagers, leading the Bride, dressed in a Silver Stuff, with Jewels of a very great Value, the Empress Mother Eleonor walking on her Right Hand, and the Empress Amalia, the Bride's Mother, on her Left; then followed the Archduchess Mary Amalia, the Bride's Sister, the Archduchesses Daughters to the late Emperour Leopold, and then the Ladies of the Court and City in great Numbers.

The Company being entred into the Chapel, the Imperial Family placed themselves under a rich Canopy on the Right Hand of the Altar, which was set out with Relicks and other Ornaments, and the Bride and Bridegroom kneeled at a Desk which had been laid for them before the Altar, and was hung with very rich Tapistry. Round the Altar stood, the Prince Bishop of this City Count Sigismund de Collorenz, assisted by four Prelates, viz. the Abbot of Melck, the Provost of Closterneuburg, the Abbot of the Scotch Convent in this City, and the Provost of St. Dorothy, all in their pontifical Habits, besides the Curate of the Parish in his Stole, the Emperour's Master of the Ceremonies, and all the Emperour's Chaplains, each placed according to his Rank; His Imperial Majesty having given a Signal, the said Curate with an audible Voice read the Pope's Dispensation, the Bride and Bridegroom being related to each other in the third and fourth Degree of Consanguinity and Affinity: This done, the Prince Bishop solemnized the Marriage according to the Rites of the Church, asking first the Bridegroom, whether he accepted for his lawful Wife the most Serene Mary Josepha Archduchess of Austria there present, and then likewise the Bride, whether she accepted for her lawful Husband the most serene Electoral Prince of Saxony Frederick Augustus, there present; to which each of them having answered in the Affirmative, the Curate delivered two Rings of great Value lying in a Golden Dish, to the said Prince Bishop, who presented them to the new married Couple, according to the Ceremony of the Church observed in the like Case, after which he sprinkled them with Holy Water; then Te Deum was sung under the Discharge of 30 Cannon from the Bastions of the City, and a Volley of the Musketry of the Troops drawn up near the Palace of the Favorita, and the whole was concluded with the Bishop's giving the Pontifical Benediction.

At Nine a Clock their Imperial Majesties, the new Married Couple, and the Archduchesses went to the Great Hall, where a splendid and sumptuous Entertainment was prepared. The Table was of an oblong Square, at the upper End sat the Emperour under a Canopy, with the Empress Mother on his Right, and the reigning Empress on his Left; on the Right

Side of the Table, on the Right Hand of the Empress Mother, sat the Bride and Bridegroom; on the Left Side of the Table, on the Left Hand of the reigning Empress sat the Empress Amalia, and next to her the Archduchess Mary Amalia, and then the Archduchesses Daughters of the late Emperour Leopold. The Table was covered with Variety of Sweet-meats, and other Dishes, which were carried in by the Emperour's Pages, and served up by the Noblemen of the Emperour's Court, the Musick playing all Supper-time.

The Turkish Ambassadour, though he has not yet had Audience of the Emperour, had the Honour to be present as a Spectator with some of the Principal Persons of his Retinue, in a separate Gallery built on Purpose for him, who highly admired the Solemnity, as well on account of its Pomp, as of the rich Dresses and great Quantity of Jewels worn by those who were present at it; he was conducted thither, and reconducted to his House in one of Prince Eugene's Coaches, followed by three other Coaches, and accompanied by Lieutenant General Count Daun, Imperial Councillour of War, who is the Emperour's Commissary appointed to entertain the said Ambassadour, and M. Oettel, Imperial Councillour of War and Referendary.

In other Apartments the Ladies of the Imperial Court and of this City were entertained at two Tables, as were at another Table the Princes, Ministers, and Noblemen of this Court; the Dishes at those Tables being served up by the Members of the Council of this City, clothed in black Velver.

The Entertainment being over, which lasted till after Eleven at Night, every one retired to their own Apartments, and the Empress Mother with the Archduchesses her Daughters came back to this City.

On the 21st the Imperial Family and the Bride and Bridegroom, accompanied as the Day before, repaired again to the Chapel, where was sung the Mass *pro Sponsis*, according to Custom, and the Benediction was given to the new-married Persons by the Bishop of this City, assisted as before, the Curate of the Parish wearing a Rochet over his Stole. About Noon, the Archduchess gave Audience to the Representatives of the States of Lower Austria, who were Count Harrach, Provincial Marshal of Lower Austria, and the several other Deputies of the four Orders, viz. the Prelates, the Lords, the Nobility, and the City of Vienna. The said Count made a Speech congratulating the Archduchess on her Marriage, and wishing her an auspicious Journey to Saxony, delivering to her at the same time a Present on the part of the States of the said Province, to which the Archduchess made a gracious Answer, and admitted the Deputies to kiss her Hand. Soon after Count Weissenwolf, President of the Deputies of the States of Upper Austria, was admitted to the Archduchess's Audience, who likewise made a Speech, congratulating her on Account of her Marriage, and presenting her on the part of the States of Upper Austria with a Donative, to which the Archduchess having made a gracious Answer, he was also admitted to kiss her Hand.

The Imperial Family having again dined together, they went to see an Opera intuled *Sivita*, which was represented at the Theatre in the Favorita, the Turkish Ambassadour again being present, with his former Retinue; which being ended, the Imperial Family supped together.

Yesterday the new married Couple after having dined again with the Imperial Family, took their Leave of their Imperial Majesties and the Archduchesses, and set out for Saxony at Four in the Afternoon, passing over the Bridge to the other Side of the Danube, being saluted with the Discharge of the Cannon from the Bastions of the Town, on the Side where they passed, and attended all the Way with the Acclamations of the People.

Whereas on Monday the 10th of August last, about Eleven at Night, a Gentleman's Coach was stopt between Richmond and Marshgate, in the County of Surrey, by two Men on Horseback, one in a fair Peruke, the other