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ON the 15th Instant King Philip sent from St. Ildefonso the Marquess de Grimaldo, his Councillour of State and his principal Secretary of Dispatches, with a Packet for the Prince of Asturias who had returned the Day before from St. Ildefonso to the Escorial. The Marquess arrived there at 11 a-Clock in the Morning, and having acquainted the Prince with his Message, his Highness sent for the Infantes to come to his Apartment, and also ordered the following Persons to be sent for thither, to be Witnesses of what should pass, viz. The Count de Altamira, the Marquess de Valero, the Duke de San Pedro, the Count de Salazar, the Marquess de Magny, the Count de Safateli, (which two last were Mayordomos for that Week,) and the Prior of San Lorenzo: Who being all present, the Marquess delivered the Packet to his Highness, who returned it to him opened that he might read what was in it, which was a Renunciation of the Crown by the King his Father in favour of his Highness, accompanied with a Letter to him. When the Marquess had done reading, they all kissed the new King's Hand, though they were filled with Concern for what they had heard. The new King sent to desire Leave of his Father to pay his Duty to him and kiss his Hand, but it was not granted; nor was his Offer made at the same time, to let the Life Guards continue to attend their Majesties at St. Ildefonso, accepted: However, the new King thought fit to Order, that a Guard of twelve Men with an Officer and a Cadet, should keep at Balsain for

the present, to be at Hand in case of any unforeseen Accident. Donna Maria de las Nieves Angulo, Lady of Honour to the Queen, formerly Governess of the Infanta Queen of France; and Doctor Don Joseph Cervi, the King's chief Physician; remain with their Majesties at St. Ildefonso. King Philip having in the Evening of the same Day he sent the Marquess de Grimaldo to the Prince at the Escorial, sent his Renunciation in Form likewise hither to the President of the Council of Castile; the same being read the next Day (the 16th) in that Council, was forthwith made Publick. The 19th the new King and Queen came from the Escorial hither about Seven at Night; the Road for some Distance from the Town, and the Streets in the Way to the Palace, being lined with Coaches of the Nobility and Gentry, and crowded with People who made joyful Acclamations. The 20th the King and Queen went publickly, with the usual State, to the Church of our Lady of Atocha. The 21st his Catholick Majesty held his first Cabinet Council; and has since been present daily in that Council, which is held every Morning, but not till after Ten a-Clock, that the Presidents of the other Councils may assist at it. His Majesty has made the Duke de Montellano, the Duke de Popoli, and the Marquess de Cogolludo eldest Son of the Duke de Medina-Celi, Gentlemen of his Bed-Chamber. On the 29th Don Miguel Francisco Guerra, sitting in the Cabinet-Council, was taken suddenly with a convulsive Fit, which has since returned upon him twice, yet he is said to be in a fair way of Recovery.

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