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BY Advices from Petersbourg we learn, that the late Czar having in the Year 1722 made a Regulation, which provided that he might nominate and appoint his Successour by his last Will, the States of his Empire solemnly swore to observe that Regulation in 1723, and afterwards renewed that Oath at the Coronation of the Empress Catherine in 1724 : Immediately after his Death his Will being opened, it was found that he had therein appointed his said Consort to be his Successour ; whereupon the Senate, the Synod, and the General Officers, acknowledging her Empress of all Russia, she did, by their Advice, take the Government upon her.

The Deposition of Nathaniel St. Andre, of the Parish of St. Martin's in the Fields, Chirurgion.

WH O says, That on Saturday last, about Four in the Evening, he received by the Penny-Post a Letter subscribed W. Baker, desiring the Deponent to meet the Subscriber at Nando's Coffee-house, to consult him upon a Case where a great deal of Skill was required, or to that Effect : That accordingly he went to the said Coffee-house, which is near St. Dunstan's Church, and at the Door of the said Coffee-house met a Man, middle-sized, having on a light tyed short Wig, a brownish Coat with close Sleeves, a thin faced middle aged Man, who ask'd the Deponent, if he was not Mr. St. Andre ? To which the Deponent answering, he was, the said Man said, the Deponent only could resolve him in a Case, and it was but hard by, and desired the Deponent to go along with him. Accordingly they went into a Coach which had brought the Deponent ; and the Coachman, by the said Man's Direction, carried them a little below the Hercules-Pillars, where they alighted, and the said Man led the Deponent a little lower ; they then turned down on the Right Hand by an Oyl-Shop into a narrow Passage into a Street that leads towards the Water-Side, there they turned to the Left Hand, and walked in that Street about Two Hundred Steps, and turned on the Left into a Court or Alley, and then on the Right Hand into another Court, as the Deponent best remembers, it being at that Time past Seven at Night, and dark. In this last mentioned Court, the said Man carried the Deponent to the third or fourth House, as he believes, on the Left Hand ; the House had a mean Appearance, the Stair-Case was very strait, and reached near to the Door of the House. Being got up one Pair of Stairs, the said Man carried the Deponent into a Room where a Woman was sitting, and asked him to sit down, and went out, saying he would wait upon him in a Minute, and accordingly soon returned, having in his Hand a Plate, and on it three Glasses of Liquor, of which he gave one to the said Woman, took another himself, and offered the third upon the Plate to the Deponent, who would have excused himself from drinking it, but the said Man told the Deponent, he hoped he would not affront him, or Words to that Effect. Then the Deponent took the said Glass, but finding the Liquor very strong and ill tasted, he drank but very little of it. Then they talked of the Case ; the said Man told the Deponent, that the said Woman had the Foul Disease, and upon Examination the Deponent declared himself to be of that Opinion, but the said Woman denied it ; upon which the Deponent replied, he had no more to say, or something to that Purpose, and the said Man gave the Deponent a Fee, and then the Deponent came home. The Deponent further says, that when he came in, Mr. Martin's Wife, with whom he lodges, observed that he looked pale, and ask-

ed if he had been fighting, or had been robbed ? And to satisfy her it was not so, he shewed her his Watch and his Purse : She insisted that he look'd like Death, that his Nostrils were pinch'd, and soon after the Deponent began to find himself giddy, and shivering with Cold, and desired his Bed might be warmed, for he found himself ill, as she said : That he has ever since continued very ill, and by what he is able to judge himself by the Symptoms he has felt, as well as by the Opinion of several eminent Physicians who have visited him, he must have taken some very strong Poison ; and he can account for no other Manner or Occasion of his doing it, than in the Glass of Liquor presented to him as is above related.

*Jurat. 9 Die Febr.
1724-5, coram me
Ch. Delafaye.*

N. St. Andre

The Case of Mr. St. Andre.

ON Sunday, being the 7th of February 1724-5, Dr. Cockburn was desired to go with all Haste to visit Mr. St. Andre. It was between Nine and Ten in the Morning, when he found him under great Disorders with Pains and Heat in his Stomach, and along all the Guts. He had a constant Pressure of Vomiting, and brought a little Gall sometimes ; at other times he brought up Phlegm ; and sometimes both together. His Tongue was swelled, and very white ; and the Muscles of the Throat were so swell'd, and inflam'd, that he could hardly swallow : His Pulse was so low, that it hardly could be felt ; and he so cold that he could not be kept warm. His Face was pale and contracted ; like a dying Countenance, as described by Hippocrates.

The Doctor declared his Opinion, that all this Disorder was the Effect of Poison ; which was much confirmed by the Account of what had happened to him the preceding Evening, as well as by the Opinion of the skilful Person himself. Being thus satisfied about the Nature of the Disease, and finding by the mentioned Symptoms that the Poison still operated on his Bowels, and that it had thickned his Blood ; the Method of Cure proceeded first in endeavouring to carry off the Poison subsisting on the Bowels by proper Evacuations, and thereafter to destroy the Coagulation of his Blood, and thus to enliven it, and to restore its Motion. By the first of these Endeavours the Vomiting very much abated, and he was more quiet. The second was not without Success, and the Blood was a little restored to its Motion.

Monday 8th. He passed the Night without any Sleep, and complained of racking Pains in his Limbs : He had that Morning six very sharp Stools, which sunk his Strength, and gave him a falling down of the Anus ; which was so relaxed that a Man's Fingers might pass into the Rectum or straight Gut. In Consideration of the present State, there was a Necessity to give a Check to the Purging, because he was in danger of its carrying him off. For this Purpose there was ordered for him a Clyster to comfort the Bowels, and wash off the sharp Parts of the Poison from the Rectum ; and afterwards proceeded in a Method for checking the Quantity of the Discharge by Stools.

This Evening Doctor Cockburn met His Majesty's Physician Dr. Steigerthall, who was sent by the King to assist the former Physician ; there were likewise present Doctor Teissier Physician to the Household, and Doctor Alexander Stuart ; who found his Bowels very easy, but there appeared new and fresh Symptoms ; for his Limbs and Testicles swelled, and there was an Oedematous Swelling of his Feet. All which Symptoms were

taken under Consideration, and Provision made against them.

Tuesday 9th, the forementioned Physicians all, but Dr. Stuart, with Sir Richard Manningham, and Mr. Serjeant Amyand. The Purging ceased, but the other Symptoms continued. He began to Spit in such a Quantity as is common in Inflammations of the Throat. His Method was much the same as Yesterday.

Wednesday 10. This Morning began with two large and loose Stools, which sunk him extremely: They were Green and Porraceous, or like Leeks. The Heat and Pain in the Bowels abated; more especially in his Stomach, and Spit with greater Ease. He often reached to Vomit.

Thursday 11. The Purging did not follow him: All his Symptoms were easier: But he was very weak.

Friday and Saturday. He was very hot: His Pulse very quick, but low.

Sunday 14. He continued very low, and to have a good deal of Fever. There were several Streaks of Blood often in his Spittle. His Swellings were much less. He had a Stool of a natural Consistence; but it still carried the greenish Colour.

Monday 15. His Fever was less, and his Pulse stronger.

Tuesday 16. His Belly was very much swelled, and so painful that he could not bear to have it touch'd. In the Evening he was very low and dispirited; and in the Night had two green Stools, that sunk him so much, that he was like to die away in the Evacuation.

Wednesday 17th We found him very dispirited with the mentioned Purging. His Tongue and Lips were more swelled than they had been for three Days before; and this was attended by a very great Discharge of Blood into his Mouth, from his Nose and Cheeks. We desired him to keep a small Piece of Gold in his Mouth, to satisfy one who supposed the Poison, that was given him, to be sublimated and corrosive Mercury; for in that Case some of the Mercury might stick to the Gold, or it might Amalgamate with the Gold.

Thursday 18. The Ring took nothing of Whiteness, though he kept it in his Mouth almost 24 Hours, or shewed nothing of Mercury. This Evening he was up out of Bed for half an Hour, and became more Feverish.

Friday 19th. Mr. St. Andre slept two or three Hours last Night. His Swallowing is easier. He spits very little: But his Mouth and Tongue are very tender, there having been a great deal of Slough thrown off his Cheeks, and off the thick Coat that covers the Tongue; yet his Tongue is very white, as in the Case of Aphthæ, or a Thrush.

Now as the Symptoms occasioned by the Poison are very near overcome, so we have Reason to believe that it will not prove his immediate Ruin, but that he may perfectly recover his Health after many Months.

London, February 20, 1724-5.

G. Steigertahl, G. L. Teiffier,
W. Cockburn, R. Manningham,
Glaud. Amyand, John Martin.

We whose Names are underwritten having examined into the Case of Mr. St. Andre, and having read his Deposition upon Oath taken by Mr. Delafaye, and having heard the preceding State read, are of Opinion, that the said Mr. St. Andre has taken a strong Poison.

Hans Sloane, Wm. Wyndham,
Antony Cocchi, Tho. Bates.

The Deposition of Nathaniel St. Andre of St. Martin's in The Fields, Surgeon.

WHO says, that for a Twelve-month before the Accident, which happened to him on Saturday the Sixth of this Instant February, as set forth in his Deposition made on the 9th Instant, he had not taken any Mercurial Medicine whatsoever, nor any other Medicine of any Kind, except A's Milk, Testaceous Powders and Febrifuge Juleps, neither doth this Deponent know that he had any Necessity or Occasion for taking any Mercurial Medicine, or any other Medicine

whatsoever, except those above-mentioned; this Deponent having been for some time before the above-mentioned Accident in perfect good Health, unless that the great Fatigue in his Calling and Profession occasioned sometimes feverish Disorders. This Deponent further saith, that to the best of his Knowledge and Remembrance, he never took any Mercurial Medicine or Preparation of any kind whatsoever for above these eight Years last past.

Jurat 20 die Feb.
1724. coram me
Geo. Tilson.

N. St. Andre.

Whitehall, Feb. 21, 1724-5.

Whereas by the above-mentioned Depositions of Mr. St. Andre, with his Case, and the Opinion of several eminent and experienced Physicians and Chirurgeons thereupon, His Majesty sees great Reason to apprehend that a villainous Attempt has been made to destroy the said Mr. St. Andre by Poyson; and His Majesty being desirous by all Means to discourage and punish so horrid and detestable a Practice as that of poysoning, and to have the Author or Authors of the aforesaid wicked and barbarous Attempt discovered and brought to Justice, has thought fit to promise a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, to be paid to such Person or Persons who shall discover and convict the Author or Authors thereof. And His Majesty doth further Promise his most gracious Pardon to any Person or Persons concerned therein, except the chief Actor or Contriver in the said Villany, who shall make such Discovery as aforesaid.

TOWNSHEND.

Advertisements.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Francis Wetherhead, late of the Strand, in the County of Middlesex, Vintner, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 11th, 8th, and 25th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the first of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but to give Notice to Mr. William Newland, Attorney, in Nags-Head-Court, Gracechurch Street, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Robert Finlay, late of London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 31, 10th and 25th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. William Dandy, Attorney, the Corner of Aldemintury, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Solomon Abraham, of the Minories, London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 11th, 8th and 25th of March next, at Nine in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. John Metcalfe, Attorney, in Wood-street, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Richard Wilder, of Reading, in the County of Berks, Bargemaster, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 6th, 13th and 25th of March next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Guildhall in the Borough of Reading, in the County of Berks; at the second of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are forthwith to give Notice thereof to Mr. Richard Clarke, Attorney, in Reading aforesaid.

Whereas John Derenauour, of the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Mercer, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 11th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against William Mackeage, of Newport, in the County of Essex, Chapman, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of Great Britain, that the said William Mackeage hath in all Things conform'd himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 15th of March next.