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Warsaw, February 18, N. S.

**T**HE Great General of Poland has writ Word, that he sent an Officer to the Seraskier of the Turkish Army at Bender to claim the Poles that were taken Prisoners the last Campaign, and that the Seraskier answered, that all the Poles among his Prisoners should be immediately delivered: But he imagined that most of the Polish Prisoners were among the Tartars; so the Officer, according to his Instructions, continued his Journey to Constantinople, where the Kam is at present, and in great Disgrace, as we are informed here. The last Letters from Kioff advise, that Pierrejefley, a little Town built by the Czar Peter the Great, below Kioff, on the opposite Banks of the Borysthenes, has lost every one of its Inhabitants by the Plague. The same Letters mention, that Lieutenant General Lewendahl has left Kioff, to go and command in the Lines of the Ukraine. Our Advices concerning the Plague in this Country continue very favourable, excepting in one Letter it's said, that in a Village in Podolia eleven People were carried off by it in one Night.

Vienna, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> N. S. There is Advice from the Bannat, that a Body of the Rebels, intermixed with Turks and Tartars, to the Number of about 3000, were come down from the Mountains called the Almas, to ravage the Country. It is said that some Regiments of Horse are ordered to be drawn out of their Quarters, and to be ready to form a Body in the Bannat by the 15<sup>th</sup> of next Month. Nothing has been declared yet with respect to the Command of the Army; but the general Opinion continues in Favour of Marshal Wallis.

Berlin, Feb. 24, N. S. According to our Advices from Potsdam, his Prussian Majesty continues so ill as to be confined to his Bed.

Bank, 14 December, 1738.

Upon a Representation from His Majesty's Postmaster-General, That it is apprehended that the Expectation of finding Bank Bills in the Letters, gives Encouragement to the frequent Robbery of the Mails; The Bank of England, to contribute what in them lies to put a Stop thereto, and to render their Bills of no Significancy or Value to those who are guilty of

such flagitious Practices, do declare, That for the Benefit and Security of those who have Occasion to transact Money Affairs in the Country, they will from and after the First Day of January next (instead of Three Days Sight Bills) give to such as desire the same, their Bills payable at Seven Days after Sight to \_\_\_\_\_ or Order, whereby in Case of a Robbery, the Proprietors will have Time to give Notice thereof; and if the Indorsements are duly filled up, as they expect they should, they can be of no Use or Service but to the right Owners.

And whereas they may fall into those Hands who may be ignorant of the Form of indorsing them, a Blank Indorsement will be printed on the Back for the Parties to fill up, and to be repeated as often as Occasion requires.

War Office, Whitehall, Feb. 24, 1738-9.

Whereas great Frauds have been committed at this Office by Persons receiving Pensions granted to Officers Widows by Means of forged Assignments, Letters of Attorney, Certificates and Affidavits, and by Persons pretending to be and personating Widows as aforesaid: And two Persons being now committed to Newgate on Account of the said Frauds; Notice is hereby given, that no future Payment will be made at this Office by Virtue of any Assignment, or Letter of Attorney already entered at the said Office, without further Satisfaction given thereupon. And such Widows of Officers as are entitled to the said Pension, and who reside within the Bills of Mortality, are hereby required to appear in Person at the said Office, in order to be examined as to their respective Pretensions, for which Purpose Attendance will be given from the Hour of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon till Two, on Wednesday and Friday in every Week during the Month of March next; and such Widows residing within the Bills of Mortality as aforesaid, as are desirous to make Assignments of their Pensions, or grant Letters of Attorneys for the future, are required to execute the same in the Presence of Two of the Clerks in the said Office, to be by them attested. Those Officers Widows that reside at a Distance, are likewise required forthwith to authorize some Person of Credit to appear for them, and to give Satisfaction as to their being living; and as to the Validity of any Letter of Attorney or Assignment already made or to be made for receiving their respective Pensions, N. B. That if any Person will come to this Office, and give Information of the Death of any Officer's Widow whose Name still continues in the Books, as intitled to her Pension, or shall discover any other Frauds relating thereto, on Application to Mr. Edward Lloyd, they shall be well rewarded for their Trouble, and their Names concealed if required.

E. J. S. Clerk, Paymaster to the Widows.