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Petersbourg, November 26.

THE Princess Elizabeth went Yesterday Morning about One o'Clock to the Barracks of the Preobrezenski Guards; accompanied only by one of her Chambellans, M. Vorantsoff, M. Lefrock her Surgeon, and M. Swartz who is her Secretary, and putting herself at the Head of the 300 Grenadiers of that Regiment with their Bayonets fixed, and Granades in their Pockets, she marched directly to Court, where after having made the proper Dispositions, and possessed herself of the different Avenues, she seized the young Monarch and the little Princess his Sister in their Cradles, the Great Dutchess Regent and the Duke Generalissimo in their Beds, and sent them all, with Mademoiselle Julian Mengden, to her House. The Princess immediately after ordered the Felt Marshal Munich, Count Osterman, Count Goloskin, young Count Munich Master of the Household to the Great Dutchess, and the President of the College of Commerce Mengden, with the Wives of the two last, to be seized in their Beds, and carried likewise to her own House, or those adjoining to it. The Prince Lewis is under Arrest in the Palace; the Grand Marshal Count Lowenwold, M. Lapokij, Count Goloskin's Lady and his Sister the Countess Jagozinski are likewise confined to their Houses; as are also the Duke's two Adjutants, Haimbourg at Court, and Grammartin in his Lodgings. After all these Orders had been executed with the greatest Expedition, the Princess returned to her own House, whither almost every Body in Town immediately resorted, and before which the Regiment of Horse Guards and the three of Foot were drawn up, and she was unanimously declared Sovereign of Russia, and the Oath of Fidelity taken to her. About Two her Majesty took Possession of the Winter Palace, and the Cannon of the Citadel and Admiralty were fired between Two and Three. Her Majesty had sent sometime before for Captain Diedron, a Swedish Officer who is Prisoner here, return'd him his Sword, and gave him 500 Ducats, with Orders to make all the Expedition he could with Letters to notify

her Accession at Stockholm. Last Night Gentlemen of the Court were sent round to notify this Event to all the Foreign Ministers.

Petersbourg, Nov. 28. The following Manifesto was published here this Day. *Elizabeth the First, by the Grace of God Empress of all the Russias, &c. &c. To all those to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

WHEREAS in the Year 1727, on the 7th of May, the Emperor Peter II. was declared Successor to the Throne of the Russias after the Demise of our dearly beloved Mother the Empress Catherine Alexiowna, by virtue of the first Article of her Will, confirmed by the Oath of Fidelity of all our Subjects as well Ecclesiastics as Secular, and as in the 8th Article of the said Will the Succession of the Empire was regulated in the Manner and Terms following,

“ If it shall happen that the Great Duke dies without Issue, the Princess Anne Alexiowna and her Descendants, and in Default of them the Princess Elizabeth Alexiowna and her Descendants, and after all these, the Great Dutchess shall succeed to the Throne of the Russias, it being to be understood that the Masculine Line shall be always preferred to the Feminine, and that all those who do not profess the Greek Religion, or who already wear a foreign Crown, shall be for ever excluded from the Throne of this Empire.

We had, by virtue of this Article, an incontestable Right to ascend the Throne of our Ancestors, as soon as it pleased the Almighty to take from this World the Emperor Peter II. But by the evil Practices, Craft and Intrigues of Count Osterman, at that Time Great Master of the Household to His Imperial Majesty, the said Will of our most honored Lady and Mother, was suppressed after his Death, for in the Lifetime of his Majesty the Emperor Peter II, all the Affairs of State of such Importance were in the Hands of Count Osterman, who well knowing that we were sufficiently informed of his Proceedings, is prejudicial to our Ancestors caused by his Practices, her late Majesty the Empress, Anne Alexiowna of happy Memory to be selected and declared, in our Exclusion (which as is known



to all the World, were entituled to the Throne of the Russias.)

During the Illness of her said Majesty in 1740, the said Count Osterman made the Regulation, printed and published the 6th of October of the same Year, concerning the Succession after the Demise of her Majesty, by which Regulation she named for her Successor an Infant of two Months old, John, Son of Prince Anthony Ulric and of the most Serene Princess Anne of Mecklenbourg, who could not, either by virtue of his Descent, nor by any other Right, pretend to the Imperial Crown of the Russias, though the Title of Grand Duke was given him in the same Regulation.

Neither was the said Count ashamed to insist upon it, to our greater Prejudice and Mortification, in order to deprive us openly of our Right of Succession, that after the Death of the said Prince John, his Brother should succeed him, and after him the other Princes born of the Marriage of Prince Anthony of Brunswick Luneburg, and the Princess Anne of Mecklenbourg, who have themselves no manner of Right to this Empire.

By virtue of this Regulation, which her late Majesty did not sign till the 5th of October, when she was at the last Extremity, the Prince John was declared, on the 17th of October, (after the Death of the Empress) Emperor of all the Russias, through the Procurement of Count Osterman and the late Felt Marshal Count Munich; and at that time our Guards, as well as our other Troops, were under the Command of the said Count, and of the Prince Anthony Ulric of Brunswick Luneburg, Father of Prince John, and all the military Force being in their Hands, all our faithful and well intentioned Subjects were in that extreme Oppression obliged to take the Oath of Fidelity to Prince John as their Emperor.

At the same time they were obliged to take another Oath of Fidelity concerning the Regency during the Minority, which Regulation had been presented by Count Osterman alone to her Majesty to be signed the 6th of October.

In consequence of these two Regulations, Prince Anthony Ulric and his Consort, flattering themselves that they should be able to preserve for their Son the Imperial Crown of the Russias, subscribed themselves the Oath of Fidelity. But soon after, assisted by the Counts Osterman, Munich, and Michael Galoskin, they slighted their Oaths, and acted openly contrary to what had been regulated concerning the Regency of our Empire, which they took into their own Hands, under the Name of the Princess Anne of Mecklenbourg, who was not ashamed to assume to herself the Title of Grand Duchess of all the Russias, which could in no wise belong to her. Thence came the great Disorders which have happened in our Kingdom; thence the infinite Vexations and Oppressions of our faithful Subjects.

Nevertheless the said Counts Osterman and Galoskin, in Concert with the Prince Anthony Ulric and his Consort, yet farther to encrease the Load of Injustice, and to the evident Danger of our own Person, made a certain Regulation, by which we should be entirely excluded from a Succession which belongs to us by the Laws of all Nations, and by the Blood from which we are sprung. 'Tis by this Regulation that they had pretended to settle on the Throne of the Russias, the Princess Anne, in declaring her Empress, even in the Lifetime of her Son Prince John.

For these Reasons, having taken to Heart the sad Estate of our Empire under this Infant, who is but 14 Months old, and being moreover convinced by so many Misfortunes as our faithful Subjects have hitherto suffered, that they had nothing to expect, during the said Regency, but Troubles and Disorders of all Kinds, whether within or without the Empire: Considering, lastly, the imminent Danger to which our own Person was exposed, We resolved, with God's Assistance, at the most humble Request of all our faithful Subjects, and particularly of our Guards, to ascend our paternal Throne the 25th of this Month, (as it was published the same Day by a Manifesto.) And although the Princess Anne, as well as her Son the Prince John, and her Daughter the Princess Catherine, cannot, as has been sufficiently proved above, in any manner pretend to the Succession to the Throne of the Russias; nevertheless, in Consideration of the Alliance, on the Mother's Side, between the Princess Anne, Prince Anthony Ulric, and the late Emperor Peter II.; and to give to the said Prince and Princess a Mark of our Imperial Grace, we have given Orders to have them all conducted into their own Country with the Honours that are due to them, generously forgetting, on our Side, all the Steps that they have taken to our Prejudice.

Petersbourg, Dec. 14. Yesterday the foreign Ministers had the Honour to pay their Court, and make their Compliments to her Majesty, who, as it was St. Andrew's Day, confirm'd those Knights that had been made by the late Regent, by giving them the Collar of the Order, and created three new ones, the Generals Lewaschaff, Czernescheff, and M. Bestuchef, which last Gentleman has been restored to his former Rank of actual Privy Counsellor. The Prince Anthony Ulric, the Princess Ann and their Children Prince John and the Princess Catherine, set out Yesterday Morning at Four, with Mademoiselle Julia Mengden, under a strong Escorte, and it is said, that they made a Halt, at about 30 Versts from hence, where they are to repose to Day, and then proceed on their Journey as fast as this Escorte and 200 Horses, which they must have at every Stage, will admit of. Prince Lewis is yet here, and, though with a Guard still in his House, he is at Liberty to go abroad, and with an Offer from her Majesty of the Use of her Equipage, both which however he has declin'd, being out of Order.

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His Highness is yet uncertain what Day he is to set out. Count Löwenhaupt having canton'd a Body of 4000 Foot and 800 Dragoons towards Nyot in order to cover that Part of the Country from the Incurſion of the Cossacks, these latter within these few Days have had a Skirmish with a Swedish Party, in which they killed about Fifteen or Twenty; and took Captain Hopken Prisoner, who is dangerously wounded. The two Brothers, the Fezt Marshal and Senator Dolgoruki, arrived here two or three Days ago, the one from Slutzebourg and the other from Iwenogrod by Narva, where they had been confin'd ever since the Catastrophe of their Family at the beginning of the late Reign. Muskin Puskin, who was involved in Wolenski's late Affair, and had a Bit of his Tongue snipped off, is likewise sent for. Her Majesty has appointed three or four of those who were Gentlemen of her Bed-Chamber when Princess, to be her Chambellans now, and she has kept Mademoiselle Lapikin, Daticheff and Aurora Mengden, who were all Ladies of the Court to the Great Dutches, in the same Quality about herself. There was a Ball last Night at Court on Account of St. Andrew's Day, of which the Foreign Ministers, by some Mistake, were not apprized. But as soon as ever her Majesty came into the Ball and saw that none of them were there, she gave Orders that they should be immediately sent for, upon which they all repair'd to Court.

Vienna, Dec. 16, N. S. By the last Letters from the Army of the 13th Instant, the Head Quarters was at Wittingau. A considerable Body of the Enemies wanted to pass the River Moldau in the Neighbourhood of Budeweis, in order to enter into Upper Austria, to oppose the Operation of Count Khevenhuller's Army, but the Diligence made by the Great Duke has hitherto prevented their Design. The Troops which they had dispersed in Upper Austria, have all retired behind the Fortification made at Ens and Lintz, and they have sent all their Artillery to Passau. The Queen has given to Prince Hildburghausen, the eventual Command of her Troops in Italy. The Bavarians having been some Time at Work upon a Bridge over the Ens, in order to return into Lower Austria, and to raise Contributions, were so disturbed by the Hussars under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Mentzel, that they reliev'd on the 8th Instant to dislodge them from the Neighbourhood of the Town of that Name, and accordingly attacked them on the 8th Instant with two Companies of Grenadiers and four Hundred Foot. After a sharp Skirmish the Hussars to the Number of 200 only, not being able to stand the Fire of the Cannon of the Enemy, retired to Nemps, though with the Loss of one Man only, whereas the Enemy had 30 wounded and 12 killed; Count Clemont de Tonnerre was of the Number of the latter.

Hague, Jan. 23 N. S. By Letters from Madrid we are inform'd, that the French Squadron from Toulon had been driven into Cartagena in a very shatter'd Condition, having met with a most violent Storm, during which the Lightning had set Fire to the Masts and Rigging of a 70 Gun Ship, which they were oblig'd to cut away and throw over board, and that the same Accident had befallen some other Ships of the same Squadron. And it is likewise written from thence, that the Spanish Squadron from Cadiz which had enter'd the Straights on the 4th of the last Month, had been driven back into the Ocean by contrary Winds.

Whitehall, December 26.

Letters from Lisbon of the 5th Instant give an Account of the Arrival there of his Majesty's Ships the Bedford, Elizabeth, and Essex, with several Transports and Store Ships for Gibraltar, and that they were preparing, together with the Rochester, to sail as soon as possible, in order to join Rear Admiral Haddock. There is likewise Advice, that his Majesty's Ship the Marlborough, which had been separated from the rest, is safely arriv'd at Gibraltar.

Whitehall, December 26.

On Tuesday last in the Evening about Six o'Clock, M. du Roséy, Gentleman of the Chamber to the King of Sweden as Landgrave of Hesse, arriv'd here Express from Hesse Cassel, with an Account, that on the 25th Instant, N. S. at half an Hour after Eleven at Night, her Royal Highness the Princess of Hesse was happily deliver'd of a Prince. And on Wednesday last the said Gentleman had an Audience of his Majesty to notify the same.

St. James's, December 24.

This Day M. Wafenberg, Secretary from the King of Sweden, had a private Audience of his Majesty, to notify the Death of the late Queen of Sweden; to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

M. Wafner, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Queen of Hungary, had a private Audience of his Majesty; to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

Dec 24. Prince Sherbatow had a private Audience of his Majesty, to notify the Accession of the Czarina Elizabeth, to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

Dec 25. M. Wafenberg had a private Audience of his Royal Highness the Duke.

And afterwards a private Audience of their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Amelia, Caroline, and Ebuila.

To both which Audiences he was introduced by Charles Cottrell, Esq. Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

Lord-Chamberlain's Office, Dec. 28th
 Orders are issued to all Peers, Peeres'ses, and
 Privy-Counsellors, that the Court goes into
 Mourning Tomorrow for the late Queen of
 Sweden; viz. the Men to wear Black full
 trimmed black Swords and Buckles, and plain
 or fringed Linnet; the Ladies black Silk or
 Velvet, black and white Bands plain or fringed
 Lappets, and black or white Shoes.

Custom House, London, Dec. 15, 1740.
 The Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs do hereby
 give Notice, that a Bill of 28th 16s. has been received
 by one of their Number, from a Person who desires his
 Name might not be known, for the Duties of some
 Goods whereon the King had not his just Duty paid
 him; which Sum of 28th 16s. was this Day placed in
 Account of old Customs in the King's Books, as directed
 by the Parliament sent the said Bill.

Advertisements.

TO be respectively sold, pursuant to several Decrees,
 and several subsequent Orders of the High Court of Chan-
 cery, before William Spicer, Esq; one of the Masters of the said
 Court, on Tuesday the 15th of January next, between the Hours
 of Five and Six in the Afternoon, Several Leasehold Mes-
 sages and Tenements, with their Appurtenances, of which
 several Years are yet to come, late the Estate of Samuel Ed-
 wards, Esq; dec'd, situate in the several Parishes of St. Sep-
 ulchre without Newgate, and St. Margaret Westminster. Partic-
 ulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers in
 Lincoln's Inn, London.

UPON the Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the
 Creditors of Edward Hobart, deceased, are to come before
 William Kinaston, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at
 his Chamber in Lincoln's Inn, and prove their several Demands,
 on or before the first Day of Hill Term next, or in Default
 thereof they will be excluded to the Benefit of the said Decree.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued
 forth against Thomas Oldham, of Manchester, in the
 County of Lancashire, Woolendrapery and Mercer, and he being
 declared a Bankrupt is hereby required to surrender himself to
 the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major
 Part of them, on the 8th and 9th of January next, and on the
 6th of February following, at Two in the Afternoon on each
 of the said Days, at St. Ann's Coffee-house in Manchester aforesaid
 and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and
 Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to
 prove their Debts, and at the first sitting to cause Assignees,
 and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish
 his Examination, and the Creditors are to dissent from or dissent
 from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to
 the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are
 to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commission-
 ers shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. William Shaw, At-
 torney, in Manchester aforesaid.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued
 forth against Benjamin Lloyd, of the Parish of St. Philip
 and Jacob, in the County of Gloucester, Dealer in Copper
 and Brass, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required
 to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commis-
 sion named, or the major Part of them, on the 30th and 31st
 of December instant, and on the 6th of February next, at
 Three in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at the Wine
 Tavern in the Strand, in London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate

and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come
 prepared to prove their Debt, and at the second Sitting to
 cause Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is
 required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to
 dissent from or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All
 Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his
 Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the
 Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Gooze
 Advertiser Attorney at Bristol.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued
 forth against Richard Carr, now or late of the City of
 Chester, Flaxdreser and Upholster, and he being declared a Bank-
 rupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commis-
 sioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of
 them, on the 7th and 13th of January next, and on the 6th
 of February following, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon
 on each of the said Days, at the House of Mr. John Layton,
 being the Son of the same of Feathers in the City of Chester,
 and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and
 Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared
 to prove their Debt, and at the second Sitting to cause Assign-
 es, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required
 to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to dissent from or
 dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons
 indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his
 Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the
 Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Partington,
 Attorney, in Chester.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt-awarded
 and issued forth against John Pierce, late of the City of
 Canterbury, Salesman, intend to meet on Tuesday the 19th
 of January next at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall,
 London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's
 Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already
 proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or
 they will be excluded to the Benefit of the said Dividend.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in the Commission of
 Bankrupt awarded against Henry Gambier, of London,
 Broker, and Chapman, have certified to the Right Hon. Philip
 Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor
 of Great Britain, that the said Henry Gambier hath in all
 Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the
 several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This
 is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act passed in the
 Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, his Certificate
 will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless
 Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 16th of Janu-
 ary next.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in the Commission of
 Bankrupt awarded against Charles Young, of the Parish
 of St. George the Martyr, in the County of Middlesex, Paylor,
 have certified to the Right Hon. Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron
 of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the
 said Charles Young hath in all Things conformed himself accord-
 ing to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made
 concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that by Virtue
 of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's
 Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said
 Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before
 the 16th of January next.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in the Commission of
 Bankrupt awarded against Edward Fitz, of the Parish
 of St. Giles in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Phil-
 low Chandler, have certified to the Right Honourable Philip
 Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor
 of Great Britain, that the said Edward Fitz hath in all Things
 conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts
 of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This is to give
 Notice, that by Virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of
 his present Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and
 confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to
 the contrary on or before the 16th of January next.