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The following is the Manifesto published by Order of the Czarina, containing the Accusations and Sentences of the State Prisoners.

By the Grace of God, We Elizabeth the First, Empress and Sovereign of all Russias, &c. make known by these Presents.

IT is already sufficiently known to every one, by our Manifesto of the 28th of November of last Year 1741, how by the wicked and ill designing Intrigues of the late High Admiral and Minister of the Cabinet, Count Andrew Osterman, carried on against us in despite of his better Knowledge and his own Conscience, we were, upon the Decease of the Emperor Peter the Second of glorious Memory, deprived of our Paternal Hereditary Throne of all Russia, which already at that Time belonged to us as lawful Heires without any Exception, by virtue of the last Will established by her Imperial Majesty our dear Mother, the Great Lady and Empress Catharine Alexijewna, now resting with God; as also, how, by Wiles, offensive to God and prejudicial to our Empire, he Count Osterman, jointly with the late Field Marshal Count Munich, and some others their Associates, at the Decease of her Majesty the Empress Anne Joannowna of most blessed Memory, when her Majesty was already in the utmost Weakness on her Death-bed, again excluded us from our Paternal Hereditary Throne, by the Means of an Ordonnance and Settlement of Succession, drawn up by him, Osterman, naming and appointing for Heirs and Successors, Prince John, born of the Serene Princess Anne of Mecklenburg and of Prince Anthony Ulrick of Brunsvic Luneburg, though he had not the least Pretension, nor Birth-Right whatsoever, and besides was but an Infant of two Months of Age; and after him his Brothers that should be born of the said Princess Anne: At the same Time,

they not only conveyed the Administration into foreign Hands, to the greatest Disorder in our Empire, and to the utmost Oppression and Ruin of all our faithful Subjects; but even afterwards Count Osterman, and with him the late Vice-Chancellor Golofkin, and the rest of their Accomplices, to our insupportable Grievance, and to the manifest Danger of our own Person, drew up a particular Regulation of the Hereditary Succession, in order to exclude us entirely and for ever from the Possession of the Imperial Throne of Russia, belonging to us by our lawful Hereditary Birth-Right, as well as by the Laws of all the World: By which foresaid Regulation they audaciously attempted, not only to declare all the Females descended from Princess Anne capable of succeeding to the Throne, but also to appoint the Princess herself to be Empress of all the Russias: All which impious Attempts and wicked Designs of Osterman, Munich, and Golofkin, are set forth more at large in our Manifesto of the 28th of November of last Year 1741.

In this lamentable and most dangerous Situation, we were at last inevitably necessitated, by the Assistance of Almighty God, at the most humble Request of all our faithful Subjects, but especially of the Regiments of our Guards, to mount our Hereditary Paternal Throne, and immediately to take into Custody the shameless Disturbers of the publick Tranquility, viz. the said Osterman, Munich, and Golofkin, as Traytors to the Empire and Malefactors, together with their Adherents and Accomplices the late High Steward of the Household Lewenwolde, the President of the College of Commerce Baron Mengden, the actual Counsellor of State Temisazeff, and the rest who are concerned with them: But in order that every Thing relating to their audacious Conduct, odious to the Almighty, and their Designs pernicious to our Empire, might be brought to light and made known in every Circumstance, and in order

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