

standing and create Variance among the Russian Subjects; nay, he has carried his Audaciousness so far, as to abrogate many Regulations, established for the publick Good by his Majesty our dear Father, now resting with God, the Emperor Peter the Great, particularly that concerning Solicitors at the respective Boards, and thus openly to expose and to censure the profound Penetration and wise Disposition of so glorious a Monarch: Not to mention other such Misdemeanors and Neglects of the Interest and Welfare of the Empire; more of which is to be seen at large in the Journals of the Tryal.

The Principal Crimes of the Field Marshal Munich, are as follow: During the various Changes that have of late happened, he did neither observe nor support the aforesaid last Will, left by her Majesty our dear Mother the Empress Catharine Alexijewna, though he with many others had sworn to it and signed it; on the contrary, upon the Decease of her Majesty, the Empress Anne Joannowna, he took particular Pains to play the Administration of the Russian Empire into Foreign Hands, and accordingly contributed most towards the late Duke of Courland Biron's entering upon the Regency; he, Munich, having been the first, and who talked most with him about it, instantly desired it of him, and pressed him to it. Biron thereupon, having, directly contrary to the Interest of the Empire, taken upon himself the Administration by Munich's fraudulent Intrigues, was again turned out by the same Munich for this latter's own private Views; who, upon his going to seize the said Regent, knowing the particular and sincere Inclination which the Soldiers of the Imperial Guard then upon Duty, had for us, used this fraudulent shift, in order the sooner to gain them, falsely to pretend, that we and our Nephew were oppressed by the Regent, who therefore was to be seized, and that afterwards they might have for their Master whomsoever they would, be it Prince John, or his Royal Highness the Duke of Holstein. This having been effected, though the said Munich was convinced in his own Conscience, that we and our Nephew the Duke of Holstein, had the most indisputable Right to the Succession to the Throne of Russia, yet he never made use of the Power he had then in his Hands to maintain us in our Right; on the contrary, afterwards, when other Changes ensued, but particularly, when Baron Mengden and his own Son, the late Steward of the Household informed him of all the particulars of the aforesaid wicked Design tending to overturn the publick Tranquility, which he himself had disapproved as impracticable; he again, contrary to the Oath and Duty of a faithful Servant, did not in the least endeavour to obstruct it, nay even proceeded to of-

send us in various ways, having suffered himself, in a manner most unbecoming his Office and Dignity, to be employed as a secret Spy on our own Person and Court, as also having placed a certain Subaltern in our Palace, on Pretence of being appointed to have the Inspection of the Buildings, and having furnished him with Horses and Carriage, to follow us every where, and to inform him of all our Actions and Steps.

With regard to his Conduct when with the Army, he has been convicted of many Disorders and Misdemeanours tending to the no small Detriment of our Empire, viz. That he did not take the least Care to maintain and to spare the Troops; that in many the most important Expeditions, he proceeded contrary to the Laws and Articles of War, merely following his own Ambition, and did every Thing of his own Head and Will, without the least Consultation with the rest of the Generals, to hear their Sentiments; which during the War unnecessarily occasioned many Times considerable Losses of Men. During the same Time when he was with the Army, he not only inflicted unbecoming Punishments on the lesser Russian Officers, often without any Court Marshal, and without any Regard to the Rank of the Officers, but he also laid Punishments on Staff Officers which were only fit for common Soldiers; for Instance, in the first Campaign in the Crimea, he caused many Russian Colonels, descended of antient noble Families, to carry Muskets to their utmost Ignominy, and to be led about the Army for a Shew; some of them he got put in Irons and Fetters, and let them for a long while go about in that shameful Condition; his Friends, Relations, and Dependents he raised and preferred to others without any Merit or Desert; to himself he procured great Sums at divers Times, especially during the Regency of Princess Anne, when he had made himself Prime Minister, and besides that an extraordinary Pension, to the great draining and exhausting of the Treasury of the Empire: Of all which Disorders and Iniquities being convicted, he confessed them himself, as is set forth more at large in the Journals of the Tryal.

The late Vice-Chancellor Michael Golofkin was the first Contiver of the above mentioned Affair concerning the Alteration in the Succession; for, at the Time when Princess Anne had entered upon the Regency, and he, after being recovered from his Sickness, went to her for the first Time to congratulate her, he immediately represented, it was pity, that in some Points concerning the Succession, the Affair was not plainly enough expressed, in particular that there was no mention at all made of the Princesses. Soon after, Princess Anne ordered him to confer with Andrew Osterman about this Affair; and at the same Time he drew up a
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