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*Venice, February 26, N. S.*

**T**HE 21st of this Month being appointed for the Publick Entry of the Earl of Holderness, Ambassador Extraordinary from his Majesty the King of Great Britain, his Excellency went about Noon to the Island of S. Spirito, where he was received by the Superior and Fathers of the Convent, and conducted to an Apartment furnished by the State for his Reception. Several English Gentlemen, and Foreigners of Distinction, being Subjects of the Allies of the Crown of England, with the Consul and British Merchants residing in Venice, came to the Island to compliment and attend the Ambassador. Some Time after, Signor Tron, Cavalier of the Stola d'Oro, with sixty Senators, landed there. The Cavalier sent a Secretary of the Republick to acquaint the Ambassador with his Arrival. His Excellency returned this Compliment by his Secretary, and then came down the Stairs, and met the Cavalier in the Middle of the Cloyster: After having complimented each other, the Cavalier placed himself on the Ambassador's Left Hand, and conducted him to the Gondola, in which he came to wait upon him, and gave his Excellency the Hand there. The Senators did the same to the English Gentlemen, &c. The Cavalier's Boat preceded, and was followed by the Ambassador's three State Gondolas magnificently gilt and adorned. Being come to the Ambassador's Palace, the Cavalier and Senators, giving the Hand to the Ambassador and his Suite, waited upon him into the Audience Room, where, after being complimented and entertained with Refreshments, they took their Leave, and were reconducted to their Boats by his Excellency and the English Gentlemen, &c. giving the Hand to the Cavalier and the Senators.

On the 22d the Cavalier came, attended by the sixty Senators, and having notified his Arrival as before, the Ambassador met him upon the Middle of the Stairs, and giving him the Hand,

conducted him to the Audience Room. After Civilities, they came down to the Boats, the Cavalier giving the Hand to the Ambassador. Upon entering the College, the Doge and Members of it arose from their Seats, and after the usual Formalities, his Excellency sat down covered on the Doge's Right Hand, and presented his Credential Letters. The Ambassador made a Speech proper for the Occasion in the English Language, and a Translation of it into Italian being read by a Secretary, the Doge answered it. After this the Cavalier and Senators waited upon the Ambassador back to his Palace, and after the same Ceremonies and Civilities as the Day before, took their Leave.

His Excellency excused himself from being treated for three Days at the publick Charge, which was offered to him. The Doge and Senate sent his Excellency, during that Time, Presents of Wine and Provisions.

Upon the 26th the Ambassador, attended by only the English Gentlemen, went to the College to receive the Answer of the Senate. The Ambassador was in the first State Gondola, attended by the Secretary of the Embassy and the Consul. He went alone into the College, and came out attended by a Secretary of the Republick, who dictated to his Excellency's Secretary the Answer of the Senate. After this, the Ambassador and his Suite walked through the Merceria to the Rialto, where his Gondolas waited for him, and then returned to his Palace.

The whole Ceremony was conducted with the greatest Order and Magnificence. Nothing was wanting on the Part of the Republick, that could tend to demonstrate how sensible they were of the Honour done them by this Embassy. The Senators appointed to attend were chose out of the principal Families and chief Men of the State. At Night great Numbers of the most considerable of the Venetian Nobility of both Sexes came to pay their Compliments to the Ambassador and Ambassadors. The Ambassador supported his Character with Dignity,  
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