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ON the 28th Instant, Part of his Prussian Majesty's Forces began their March towards Bohemia. His Prussian Majesty has published the following Declaration, containing his Reasons for entering the Saxon Territory.

Declaration du Roi sur les Motifs qui obligent sa Majesté d'entrer avec son Armée dans les Etats Hereditaires du Roi de Pologne, Electeur de Saxe.

LES injustes Deseins de la Cour de Vienne mettant le Roi dans la Necessité, de prevenir un Ennemi, qui se refuse à toute Voye de Conciliation, sa Majesté se voit forcée malgré elle, et par une suite de ces mêmes Circonstances, à entrer avec son Armée dans les Etats héréditaires du Roi de Pologne, Electeur de Saxe.

C'est à Regret que le Roi se trouve dans l'obligation, de se porter à une demarche, que son Amitié personnelle pour sa Majesté Polonoise lui auroit fait éviter, si les Loix de la Guerre, le Malheur des Temps, et la Seureté de ses propres Etats ne la rendoient indispensable.

Les Evénemens de la Guerre, que le Roi fut obligé d'entreprendre en 1744, pour delivrer l'Empire, que la Cour de Vienne vouloit opprimer dans la Personne de son Chef ne sont ignorés de Personne. Tout le Monde sait les Menagemens que sa Majesté garda alors pour la Cour de Saxe, et les Suites funestes, qui en resulterent; les Liaisons, que cette Cour forma, la Jonction de ses Troupes avec celles de ses Ennemis, leur Entrée en Silesie, et enfin le Complot dangereux d'attaquer le Roi dans le Centre de ses Etats, et jusques dans sa Capitale.

Le Retour des mêmes Circonstances oblige le Roi de ne consulter que les Regles de la Prudence. Mais en prenant ce parti, sa Majesté declare en même tems de la Maniere la plus forte à sa Majesté Polonoise, et à la Face de toute l'Europe, qu'elle n'a aucun Desein offensif contre le Roi de Pologne ni contre ses Etats; qu'elle n'y entre pas comme Ennemi; mais uniquement pour sa Seureté; qu'elle sera observer à ses Troupes l'Ordre le plus exact, et la Discipline la plus severe, et que forcée de ceder aux Considerations les plus pressantes, elle n'attend que l'heureux Moment, où ces mêmes Considerations lui permettront, de remettre à ce Prince un Depot, qui sera toujours sacré pour elle.

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Translation.

The King's Declaration, concerning the Motives which oblige his Majesty to enter with his Army into the Hereditary Dominions of the King of Poland, Elector of Saxony.

THE unjust Designs of the Court of Vienna putting the King under the Necessity to be before-hand with an Enemy, who declines every Way of Conciliation; His Majesty sees himself forced, against his Inclination, and in Consequence of these very Circumstances, to enter with his Army into the Hereditary Countries of the King of Poland, Elector of Saxony.

It is with Regret, that the King finds himself obliged to take a Step, which his personal Friendship for his Polish Majesty would have made him avoid, if the Laws of War, the Misfortune of the Times, and the Security of his own Dominions, did not render it indispensably necessary.

There is nobody, who is not acquainted with the Events of the War, which the King was obliged to undertake in 1744, in order to rescue the Empire, which the Court of Vienna meant to oppress in the Person of its supreme Head.—All the World knows, with how much Tenderness the King, then, acted towards the Court of Saxony, and what were the fatal Consequences resulted from it; the Connections which that Court formed; the Junction of its Troops with those of his Enemies; their Entry into Silesia; and, in short, the dangerous Scheme of attacking the King in the very Heart of his Dominions, and, even, in his own Capital.

The Return of the same Circumstances obliges the King to consult the Rules of Prudence, and them only.—But, in taking this Part, his Majesty declares, at the same Time, to his Polish Majesty, in the strongest Manner, and in the Face of all Europe, that he has not any Offensive Design against the King of Poland, or his Dominions;—That he does not enter them as an Enemy, but merely for his own Security;—That he will take Care, that his Troops shall observe the most exact Order, and the most severe Discipline;—And that, whilst he is forced to yield to the most pressing Considerations, he only waits for the happy Moment; when these same Considerations will permit him to restore to that Prince a Deposit, which he will ever look upon as sacred.

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