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THE following is the Copy of a Declaration delivered a few Days since, by the Emperor's Order, to the Imperial, French, and Swedish Ministers residing here.

## Declaration.

**S**A Majesté Imperiale, qui, à son heureux Avenement au Trône de ses Ancestres, regarde, comme son premier Devoir, d'étendre & d'accroître le Bien-être de ses Sujets, voit avec un extreme Regret, que le Feu de la Guerre presente, qui dure depuis six Années, & qui est depuis longtems onereuse à toutes les Puissances, qui la font, loin de tendre à sa Fin, s'allume au contraire de plus en plus, au grand Malheur de toutes les Nations; & que le Genre humain a d'autant plus à souffrir de ce Fleau, que le Sort des Armes, qui jusqu'à ce Moment a été soumis à tant de Vicissitudes, ne l'est pas moins pour l'avenir :

Pourquoi Sa Majesté Imperiale, compatissant par son Humanité à l'Effusion du Sang innocent, & voulant de son Côté arrêter un tel Mal, a jugé nécessaire de declarer aux Cours Alliées de la Russie, que preferant à toutes autres Considerations, la premiere Loi, que Dieu prescrit aux Souverains, qui est la Conservation des Peuples qui leur sont confiés, Elle souhaite de procurer la Paix à son Empire, à qui elle est si necessaire, & si precieuse; & en même Tems de contribuer, autant qu'il lui sera possible, à la retablir dans toute l'Europe.

C'est dans cette Vuë, que Sa Majesté Imperiale est prête à faire le Sacrifice de ses Conquêtes faites dans cette Guerre par les Armes Russiennes, dans l'esperance, que, de leur Côté, les Cours Alliées prefereront également le Retour du Repos & de la Tranquillité aux Avantages, qu'elles pourroient attendre de la Guerre, & qu'elles ne peuvent obtenir qu'en repandant encore plus longtems le Sang humain. Et pour cet Effet, Sa Majesté Imperiale leur conseille, dans la meilleure Intention, d'employer de leur Côté, tout leur Pouvoir à l'Accomplissement d'un Ouvrage si grand, & si salutaire.

A St. Petersbourg, ce  $\frac{1}{2}$  Fevrier, 1762.

Prince George of Holstein is appointed by his Imperial Majesty Governor of the Dutchy of Holstein, and General of his Armies. General Villebois is declared Master of the Ordnance, in the Place of the late Veldt Marshal Schuwallow. Several other Graces were conferred upon Occasion of the Emperor's Birth-Day.

To-morrow General Verner and Count Hordt are to set out together for Breslaw. During their Stay here, their Imperial Majesties have treated them both with great Distinction.

Count Duben arrived here on Tuesday last, with Compliments from the King of Sweden to their Imperial Majesties.

Magdebourg, March 17. His Royal Highness the Prince of Prussia set out from hence last Sunday Morning for Breslaw, attended by Major General Count Berck, late Governor to that Prince. The Burgesses of this Town put themselves under Arms,

## Translation.

**H**IS Imperial Majesty, who, upon his happy Accession to the Throne of his Ancestors, looks upon it to be his principal Duty, to extend, and augment the Welfare of his Subjects, sees with extreme Regret, that the Flames of the present War, which has already continued for Six Years, and has been for a long Time burthenfome to all the Powers engaged in it, far from tending now to a Conclusion, are on the contrary gathering fresh Strength, to the great Misfortune of the several Nations; and that Mankind has so much the more to suffer from this Scourge, as the Fortune of Arms, which has been hitherto subject to so many Vicissitudes, is equally exposed to them for the future :

Wherefore His Imperial Majesty, compassionating, through his humane Disposition, the Effusion of innocent Blood, and being desirous, on his Part, of putting a Stop to so great an Evil, has judged it necessary to declare to the Courts in Alliance with Russia, that, preferring to every other Consideration, the first Law, which God prescribes to Sovereigns, which is the Preservation of the People intrusted to them, He wishes to procure Peace to his Empire, to which it is so necessary, and of so great Value; and at the same Time to contribute, as much as may be in his Power, to the Re-establishment of it throughout all Europe.

It is in order to this, That His Imperial Majesty is ready to make a Sacrifice of the Conquests made by the Arms of Russia in this War, in hopes that the Allied Courts will, on their Part, equally prefer the Restoration of Peace and Tranquillity, to the Advantages, which they might expect from the War, and which they cannot obtain but by a Continuance of the Effusion of human Blood. And to this End, His Imperial Majesty, with the best Intention, advises them, to employ, on their Side, all their Power towards the Accomplishment of so great, and so salutary a Work.

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and accompanied his Royal Highness on Horseback to a small Distance from hence.

It is reported, that the Prussian Officers have now Leave from the Emperor of Russia to raise Recruits in the Kingdom of Prussia.

By the freshest Letters from the Army in Saxony we hear, that Eight Regiments have already marched from Marshal Daun's Army to reinforce General Laudohn in Silesia, and that more were preparing to follow.

Brunswick, March 16. The Funeral of the late Dutche's Dowager will be performed this Evening. Their Serene Highnesses the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, and the other Princes of the Ducal Family, will walk in the Procession.

The Duke of Brunswick has promoted his Son Prince Frederick, to the Rank of Lieutenant General.

Brunswick,