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Whitehall, March 15.

ONE of the King's Messengers, dispatched by his Grace the Duke of Bedford, arrived here this Morning, with the Ratifications of their Most Christian and Catholick Majesties, of the Definitive Treaty of Peace, signed the 10th of last Month; and also Those of the Accession of His Most Faithful Majesty to the said Treaty; which Ratifications were exchanged with his Grace, on the 10th Instant, by the Ambassadors and Ministers Plenipotentiary of the Princes above-mentioned, against Those of His Majesty: Upon which Occasion, the Tower and Park Guns were fired.

Vienna, February 23. Since the Arrival of M. Lederer, who brought the Court the Definitive Treaty of Peace signed the 15th Instant at Hubertberg, the Court have dispatched Couriers to inform the Courts, in Alliance with them, of this Event; notifying it, at the same Time, to all the Foreign Ministers.

Nuremberg, February 26. Yesterday the Prince of Stolberg received Orders from his Imperial Majesty to dismiss the Army of the Empire; in Consequence of which, the Bavarian and Wurtemberg Troops will quit the Army the 28th of this Month; and the rest of the Troops of the Circles will be discharged, and march to their respective Homes before the End of the Week.

Ratisbon, March 1. His Imperial Majesty's Decree to the Diet of the Empire, in Answer to the Result of the Empire of the 11th of this Month. Dated the 24th of February, 1763.

Dictated at Ratisbon, the 25th of February 1763, by the Minister of Mentz.

Translation from the German.

BY the Command of his Imperial Majesty Francis, our most gracious Emperor and Master, his most Respectable and Principal Commissary and Plenipotentiary at the Diet of the Empire, Alexander Ferdinand, Prince de la Tour et Taxis, &c. makes known to the Counsellors, Ambassadors, and Ministers of the Electors, Princes, and States of the Holy Roman Empire, that his Majesty has seen, by the most humble Remonstrances which have been made to him, that his Decree, sent to the publick Dictature the 20th of last Month, concerning the Re-establishment of the universal Tranquillity and Safety of the Empire, has been proposed, and that the Counsellors, Ambassadors, and Ministers of the Electors, Princes, and States, having maturely weighed the Contents, agreed on the most humble Advice of the Empire, the 11th of this Month.

The Electors, Princes, and States of the Empire are already informed, that her Majesty the Empress Queen, posponing her essential Interests, has magnanimously acceded to the paternal Sentiments, with which his Imperial Majesty the Emperor is animated, for Re-establishing the General Tranquillity, and for Preserving the Fundamental Laws and System of the Holy Roman Empire.

The more her Imperial Majesty the Empress Queen has been convinced of the Ardour, with which the States of the Empire have desired a speedy Return of the Tranquillity, and publick Security, the more she has exerted her Endeavour in the Negotiations of Peace, lately entered upon with his Majesty the King of Prussia, to accelerate the said Tranquillity, and the Good of her Co-Estates; inseparable the one from the other, and to shew thereby her Thankfulness and Gratitude. The Success has answered this flattering Expectation, and Providence has been pleased to put an End at once to this destructive War, by the Definitive Treaty of Peace concluded and signed the 15th Instant at Hubertberg; the Ratification of which by the Contracting Parties is instantly expected.

As his Majesty was willing, that the several States of the Empire should be informed without Delay of this happy Event, he has annexed hereto the Articles of the said Peace which regard the Empire, leaving the Electors, Princes, and States to take, for the future, the Measures that shall appear most necessary to them.

As to his Majesty, he wishes, as a true Father of the Empire, that the General Peace, re-established in this Manner, may last for ever; and, by virtue of his Imperial Office, he will not fail to give his utmost Attention to every thing, that may contribute to so salutary an Object.

He will not cease to make the Exercise of his most high Office consist in the Administration of a speedy and impartial Justice; in the exact Execution, and solid Maintenance, of the salutary Laws and Decrees of the Empire; and in the inviolable Protection of the Liberties of the States, and of the Dispositions made for the Good of both Religions.

But as his Imperial Majesty, on his Side, is desirous of punctually fulfilling all these Objects, without losing Sight of the true and essential Good of the German Empire, and of all its States in general, his Majesty most graciously persuades himself, that the Electors, Princes, and States, will, on their Part, always take Care to discharge, with the same Exactness, whatever the Duty of States of the Empire, and the publick Good of their native Country, require of them all in general, and of every one in particular; and that they will principally apply themselves to observe religiously and inviolably the *Publick Peace*; the *Peace of Religion*, and the *Peace of Westphalia*.

In the mean Time, his Imperial Majesty, to whom belongs the supreme Direction in the Affairs of War, will lose no Time in making Dispositions, that the Army of the Empire, which was assembled, by virtue of the Resolution of that Body in 1757, may be dismissed, and sent Home, without Delay, in the same good Order, with all that belongs to it, but in a Manner compatible with the Dignity of the Empire, which his Majesty doubts not, but the Electors, Princes, and States will observe in the present Conjunction.

To this End, his Imperial Majesty has already sent Orders to the General in Chief of the Imperial Army and That of the Empire, to discharge, in