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*Florence, October 25.* The Great Duke having fixed on the 21st Instant for performing the Ceremony of investing Sir Horace Mann, Bart. with the Ensigns of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, Orders were issued from the Court to all the Great Officers of State, to the Chamberlains, who were near One Hundred in Number, and to all the Nobility who have the Privilege of the Antichamber, to be there at half an Hour after Eleven in the Morning, and half after Twelve was the Time appointed for Sir Horace Mann to be there. In Consequence of which, many English Noblemen and Gentlemen assembled at his House in the Morning, and proceeded with him to the Great Duke's Palace. He went in a Coach and Six with the Duke of Devonshire, the Earl Cowper, and His Britannick Majesty's Consul (who were to be Witnesses) followed by eighteen Coaches, with the Rest of the English Noblemen and Gentlemen; and, after a short Stay in the Antichamber, the Ceremony was performed in the following Manner:

The Great Duke, being in his Chamber of Audience, was seated under a Canopy of State, with his Hat on his Head, and attended by Count Rosenbergh, his Grand Maitre, First Minister, and Knight of the Golden Fleece; Count Thurn, the Captain of the Noble Guard; the Duke Salviati, Great Chamberlain; Prince Corsini, Grand Prior of the Order of Malta, and Master of the Horse; and the Marquis Riccardi, Master of the Great Wardrobe, Grand Croix of the Order of St. Stephen, and appointed Marshal of the Court on this Occasion. The Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber in Waiting then introduced the Duke of Devonshire, the Earl Cowper, and his Britannick Majesty's Consul, as Witnesses. Sir Horace Mann was then introduced, being supported on the Right Hand by the Marquis Capponi, Major General, Commander in Chief of the Troops in Florence, Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber, and Grand Croix of the Order of Stephen; and on the Left by Count de la Tour, Major General, Lieutenant of the Noble Guard, and Knight of St. Stephen. The first Page, called the Page of Honour, preceded, carrying on a Gold Salver the Ensigns of the Order of the Bath, the Book of Statutes, and the Letters Patent of Creation of a Knight of the said Order.

Sir Horace Mann, at his Entrance into the Room, as well as the two Knights on the Right and Left, made a low Reverence, a second in the Middle of the Room, and a third on ap-

proaching the Great Duke. Monsieur Sauboin, first private Secretary, who had previously been furnished with a Translation of the Patent, read the same aloud by the Great Duke's Order; which being finished, Sir Horace Mann kneeled down before the Great Duke, and the Marquis Riccardi, Marshal of the Court, delivered to His Royal Highness a drawn Sword of State, with which he touched Sir Horace Mann's Left Shoulder three Times, saying to him, "I create you a Knight in the Name of my Brother the King of Great Britain." The Page of Honour then presented to His Royal Highness the Book of the Statutes of the Order of the Bath, which he delivered to Sir Horace Mann, who, on receiving it, made the following Declaration: "I, Horace Mann, Baronet, do promise and swear to the King of Great Britain, my Master, to observe the Statutes of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, in every Point." Whereupon the same Page presented to the Great Duke the Ribbon, with the Insignia of the Order, which his Royal Highness put over the Knight's Right Shoulder, and attached the Star to his Breast, delivering to him the original Patent of Creation. He then arose; and in a short respectful Speech thanked his Royal Highness for the great Honour he had done him; then returning into the Antichamber, he signed the Oath in due Form, in the Presence of the abovementioned Witnesses, who also signed their Names.

The Great Dutchess, with the young Prince and Princess, stood behind a Curtain to see the Ceremony.

Sir Horace Mann then returned Home, all the English Gentlemen accompanying him, in the same Manner as he went to Court; and they, together with all the Great Officers, and those who assisted at the Ceremony, did him the Honour to dine with him that Day. The next Evening Sir Horace Mann gave a publick Ball to the Nobility of both Sexes; and for several Days after a Variety of Entertainments were given on this Occasion by the Great Duke and the Officers of his Court, and by the English Nobility and Gentlemen. Upon the Whole, no Ceremony of this Kind was ever performed with more Splendor and Dignity than was shewn on this Occasion.

*Lisbon, October 29.* Their most Faithful Majesties returned on Wednesday last from Mafra, in perfect Health; and his Highness the Prince of Beira is very much recovered from his late Indisposition.

*Paris, November 9.* His most Christian Majesty, and the Royal Family, are to remove from Fontainebleau on the 15th of this Instant.

*Admiralty Office, November 11, 1768.*  
PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty-Sixth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to be discerned, that Information hath been sent to this Office, That on the 4th Instant, the Mary Brigantine of Chester, whereof Mark Day was Master, laden with Lead and Cheese, was, in order to prevent her from Foundering, run on Shore upon a Sand called Traeth Saith, near the Town of Cardigan, where the Master and Four of the Crew perished; but that the Mate and one more saved themselves by getting upon the Round-Top of the Mainmast, from whence they were brought off by a Boat.

Ph. Stephens.