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Petersbourg, November 26.

THE Princess Elizabeth went Yesterday Morning about One o'Clock to the Barracks of the Preobrezenski Guards; accompanied only by one of her Chambellans, M. Vorantzoff, M. Lefrock her Surgeon, and M. Swartz who is her Secretary, and putting herself at the Head of the 300 Grenadiers of that Regiment with their Bayonets fixed, and Granades in their Pockets, she marched directly to Court, where after having made the proper Dispositions, and possessed herself of the different Avenues, she seized the young Monarch and the little Princess his Sister in their Cradles, the Great Dutchess Regent and the Duke Generalissimo in their Beds, and sent them all, with Mademoiselle Julian Mengden, to her House. The Princess immediately after ordered the Felt Marshal Munich, Count Osterman, Count Goloskin, young Count Munich Master of the Household to the Great Dutchess, and the President of the College of Commerce Mengden, with the Wives of the two last, to be seized in their Beds, and carried likewise to her own House, or those adjoining to it. The Prince Lewis is under Arrest in the Palace; the Grand Marshal Count Lowenwold, M. Lapokij, Count Goloskin's Lady and his Sister the Countess Jagozinski are likewise confined to their Houses; as are also the Duke's two Adjutants, Haimbourg at Court, and Grammartin in his Lodgings. After all these Orders had been executed with the greatest Expedition, the Princess returned to her own House, whither almost every Body in Town immediately resorted, and before which the Regiment of Horse Guards and the three of Foot were drawn up, and she was unanimously declared Sovereign of Russia, and the Oath of Fidelity taken to her. About Two her Majesty took Possession of the Winter Palace, and the Cannon of the Citadel and Admiralty were fired between Two and Three. Her Majesty had sent sometime before for Captain Diedron, a Swedish Officer who is Prisoner here, return'd him his Sword, and gave him 500 Ducats, with Orders to make all the Expedition he could with Letters to notify

her Accession at Stockholm. Last Night Gentlemen of the Court were sent round to notify this Event to all the Foreign Ministers.

Petersbourg, Nov. 28. The following Manifesto was published here this Day. *Elizabeth the First, by the Grace of God Empress of all the Russias, &c. &c. To all those to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

WHEREAS in the Year 1727, on the 7th of May, the Emperor Peter II. was declared Successor to the Throne of the Russias after the Demise of our dearly beloved Mother the Empress Catherine Alexiowna, by virtue of the first Article of her Will, confirmed by the Oath of Fidelity of all our Subjects as well Ecclesiastics as Secular, and as in the 8th Article of the said Will the Succession of the Empire was regulated in the Manner and Terms following,

“ If it shall happen that the Great Duke dies without Issue, the Princess Anne Alexiowna and her Descendants, and in Default of them the Princess Elizabeth Alexiowna and her Descendants, and after all these, the Great Dutchess shall succeed to the Throne of the Russias, it being to be understood that the Masculine Line shall be always preferred to the Feminine, and that all those who do not profess the Greek Religion, or who already wear a foreign Crown, shall be for ever excluded from the Throne of this Empire.

We had, by virtue of this Article, an incontestable Right to ascend the Throne of our Ancestors, as soon as it pleased the Almighty to take from this World the Emperor Peter II. But by the evil Practices, Craft and Intrigues of Count Osterman, at that Time Great Master of the Household to His Imperial Majesty, the said Will of our most honored Lady and Mother, was suppressed after his Death, for in the Lifetime of his Majesty the Emperor Peter II, all the Affairs of State of such Importance were in the Hands of Count Osterman, who well knowing that we were sufficiently informed of his Proceedings, is prejudicial to our Majesty caused by his Practices, her late Majesty the Empress, Anne Alexiowna of happy Memory to be selected and declared our Exclusion (which as is known

