

which our Hearts are filled, for the tender Concern which your Majesty has always shewn in the Welfare of your People, and for that uninterrupted Course of Happiness which we have enjoyed under your most auspicious Reign.

Amidst so many Blessings which we derive from your Majesty, we cannot, without the highest Indignation, hear of the Affront offered to your Majesty's Royal Crown and Dignity, by the late threatened Invasion in Favour of a popish Pretender: This was an Attempt that struck at every Thing dear to us, your Majesty's Honour, our Religion and Liberties; in Defence of these, we unanimously devote our Lives and Fortunes to your Majesty's Disposal; and doubt not, that the rash Enemy shall repent his vain Attempt on a People, who are under the strongest Obligations of Duty and Gratitude, ever to remain firm in their Loyalty to your Majesty.

That your Majesty may long continue in Health to rule and protect us, and that, to the latest Ages, the Crowns of your Majesty's Kingdoms may remain in your illustrious Family, is the earnest and sincere Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful

And faithful Subjects and Servants.

*Constantinople, March 24.* In Consequence of the Rejection of the Persian King's Overtures, and the final Resolution here for an open and vigorous War, the Porte judg'd there was no Time to lose in getting into a Posture to carry it on, a Generalissimo was instantly named, who is Achmet Bashaw, the last Vizir but one. Two other Generals are likewise appointed, Achmet Bashaw the Governor of Bagdat, and Hamal Oglou Bashaw of Erzerum. There were also appointed three Seraskiers in Europe, at Bender, Chotin, and Ozakow. Chambers of Janisaries and Topgees are continually filing off into Asia; five more Chambers will soon pass over. An Order was lately issued by the Porte, that whatever Subject of the Grand Signor's, not enjoying the particular Protection of any foreign Minister, shall not, in so many Days, deliver up any Russian Slave he may have in his Possession, shall be punished with Death, and a Reward of 100 Dollars is offer'd to those who shall inform against any who secrete them. His Excellency M. Calkoen, late Ambassadour here from the States General, departs in ten Days for Holland by Way of Vienna. His Secretary, M. des Bordes, remains here charged with Affairs till another Minister comes. The Zeal of the Roman Catholick Priests in making Armenian Converts, has lately met with a Check, the Porte having issued an Order for no Armenian to frequent any Place of popish Worship under Pain of Death. Ali Bashaw, the late Vizir, is made Bashaw of Bosnia. Here is just now a Report, that a Khan of the Shaugh's has revolted, and gone over with 30000 Men to the new Shaugh.

*Petersbourg, March 31.* On Palm Sunday Evening the Empress went from the Summer-Palace to the ancient Palace in the Kremmlin in Moscow, in order to spend the Passion Week there in a more devout Retirement. Nevertheless her Imperial Majesty went almost every Evening to the Summer Palace to visit and comfort the young Princess of Zerbst in her Illness. The first Time her Highness was let Blood, the Empress made her a Present of a Necklace and a Pair of Ear-rings of Brilliants about 60,000 Rubles Value, and his Imperial Highness the Great Duke presented her with a Watch and Chain, both richly set with Brilliants; it being the Fashion, in this Country, to make Presents on that Occasion. Her Highness has had a severe Illness, but has been thought to be out of Danger, and in a fair Way of Recovery ever since the 19th Instant. The Festivals, which were to have begun at Moscow on the 5th of April, are put off till the 25th, the Anniversary of her Imperial Majesty's Coronation.

*Dantzic, April 22.* Last Post brought an Account, that almost the whole City of Riga had been overflowed by a Stoppage of Ice in the Mouth of the Duna. The Suburbs suffered much, the City Gates were burst open; the Cellars where their Salt, reckoned about 4000 Lafts, besides other Goods, lye, are all filled with Water, People going in Floats from House to House. We have just received an Account of the King of Poland's being set out, by the Way of Leipzig, for Poland.

*Vienna, April 27.* We can expect no News from Prince Lobkowitz, till the Arrival of General Coloredo at his Army. The Queen's Army, which has wintered in Bavaria and the neighbouring Countries, is in March, and is to rendezvous at Ingolstadt, from whence they will file the first of May, to go, as is reported, towards the Lower Rhine. This Army consists of Fourscore Thousand Men.

*Ruremonde, April 27, N. S.* On the 23d Instant two Hanoverian Squadrons of Horse, of the Regiment of Bulow, passed the Maeze here in their March to the Netherlands. They were followed on the 25th by four Squadrons of Dragoons of the Regiment of Adelepsen; and this Day by a Battalion of the Regiment of Misdachten.

*Ruremonde, May 1, N. S.* One Battalion of the Regiment of Borch passed the Maeze here on the 29th of last Month, in their Way to the Austrian Netherlands, and are succeeded this Day by another Battalion of Soubiron; which closes the March of the Hanoverian Forces from the Electorate of Cologne and Dutchy of Juliers.

*Liege, May 1, N. S.* The Marquis de Fanelon is expected here every Hour, with his Family, in their Return from Holland to France; his Excellency having taken his Route, by Way of Boisleduc and the Principality of Liege, in order to avoid the Austrian Netherlands.

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