

declare his Royal Highness Prince George, eldest Son of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, duly elected.

The Second Scrutiny was in like Manner presented to the Sovereign, who, after inspecting the same, commanded the Chancellor to declare his most Serene Highness the Margrave of Anspach duly elected.

Garter then was commanded to bring in his Grace the Duke of Leeds, who being introduced by Garter, kneeled down before the Sovereign, and, being knighted with the Sword of State, retired; and the Third Scrutiny being collected by the Chancellor, and delivered to the Sovereign in the former Manner, the Chancellor, by the Sovereign's Command, declared the Duke of Leeds duly elected.

Upon which Garter and Black Rod were sent to introduce his Grace, who being brought to the Door of the Chapter-Room, was there received by the Dukes of Kingston and Portland the Junior Knights, and conducted by them to the Sovereign with the accustomed Reverences; Garter, carrying on a Velvet Cushion the Garter and George hanging to a Blue Ribbond, did upon his Knee present the Garter to the Sovereign, who gave it to his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland and the Duke of Dorset, the two Senior Companions, which they buckled about his Grace's Left Leg, whilst the Chancellor read the Admonition enjoyned by the Statutes; and then Garter having with like Reverence presented to the Sovereign the Blue Ribbond and George, His Majesty, assisted by his Royal Highness and the Duke of Dorset, put it over his Grace's Left Shoulder, who was then kneeling, the Chancellor in the mean Time reading the proper Admonition. And his Grace having kissed the Sovereign's Hand, and thanked His Majesty for the great Honour done him, rose up and saluted all the Companions severally, who returned their Congratulations, bowed to his Royal Highness, and withdrew.

Then his Grace the Duke of Bedford and the Right Hon. the Earls of Albemarle and Granville were elected, and received the Ensigns of the Order in like Manner, and withdrew.

Garter then called over the Names of the Knights Companions, and the Procession was made back in the Manner before described, save only that the Chancellor and Black Rod went in their proper Places.

*Dresden, June 25, N. S.* On the 20th Instant, the Lightning fell into two Magazines of Gunpowder at Breslaw, and blew them up, and the Shock that the Blast gave to the rest of the Town was prodigious; a great Part of the Fortifications are demolished by it, and one Half of that large City is intirely destroyed. From Letters just arrived, it is supposed that there are about 200 Houses destroyed; and that a great

Number of the Inhabitants perished by this unhappy Accident.

*Hambourg, June 27, N. S.* We received Yesterday a most melancholy Account mentioned in several Letters from Breslaw, of the Lightning's having fallen the 21st Instant, at Three o'Clock in the Morning, upon a Magazine stored with five Hundred Quintals of Gunpowder: One Half of the Town is in a Manner destroyed by this Accident, its Houses, Convents, and Churches demolished, Numbers of Lives lost; and in the Part of the Town, where the Shock was felt with less Violence, the Windows have been shattered to Pieces, the Roofs of the Houses damaged, &c. And as the Accident has happened about the Time of the Midsummer Fair of Breslaw, when one may suppose that the Supplies and Provisions of Merchandizes have been lately sent in thither, the Losses may extend not only to the unhappy Sufferers in the Town itself, but to those who have their Connections in Commerce with them; which occasions great Uneasiness to several Merchants upon this Exchange. We hear from Dresden, that the Assembly of the States, convoked by the King of Poland to take into Consideration, with his Council, the proper Methods for the better regulating the Finances of his Majesty's Hereditary Dominions, had opened their Session.

*Hague, June 27, N. S.* The States of Holland, after having maturely deliberated on the two Plans lately offered to their Consideration by the Prince Stadtholder, for supplying for ever the Deficiency occasioned in their Revenue by the Suppression of the Farms, determined Yesterday Morning in Favour of the Plan for raising by Collectors the Duties that were heretofore farmed out to the Pachtors. They have begun this Week, in several Towns of this Province, to distribute the Tickets importing the Sums that every Housekeeper is to pay before the 1st of August next, towards the provisional Taxes, for making good the Deficiency occasioned in the Revenue by the Abolition of the Farms, ever since the 26th of June 1748, N. S. Prince George of Hesse Cassel, who was expected here last Wednesday, is not yet arrived. Count Dehn arrived here two Days ago, and delivered Yesterday his Credentials to the States General, as Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the King of Denmark.

*Hague, July 1, N. S.* A Military Ordinance has been issued since the Prince of Orange's Return from Loo; in Consequence of which, two Companies of Grenadiers are to be formed in each Battalion of Foot, so that a Battalion of ten Companies is, for the future, to consist of eight Companies of Fuziliers and two of Grenadiers; the last of which are to receive two Stuyvers a Week more than the Fuziliers, and to enjoy the Post of Honour upon all Occasions, together with several other Advantages. But as the