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Petersbourg, Jan. 25, N. S.

THE Ceremony of Consecrating the Water was performed here on the 17th Instant in the following Manner, viz. About Nine in the Morning, Nine Regiments of Infantry, drawn from the neighbouring Garrisons, with the three Regiments of Foot Guards, in all 17400 Men, were drawn up over-against the Palace; from whence, after they had performed their Exercises, they marched to the Place appointed for performing the Ceremony, which they inclosed, by forming a great hollow Square. Three Pavillions were erected upon the Edge of the Great Neve, richly carved and gilded without, and curiously ornamented with rich Tapistry within; the largest of them, which represented the Jordan, was surrounded with Rails, in the Middle of which they cut a Hole in the Ice, and placed therein a large Tub filled with the Water which was to be consecrated. About Eleven the Procession began, which was composed of the Monks and Fryars of the different Religious Orders, singing Spiritual Hymns, the Archbishop of Novogorod walking in the Middle. They were preceded by four Priests, carrying the Banners, and followed by the rest of the Clergy, some carrying Relicks, and others the Images of Saints. When the Procession was come to the Place appointed, they began the Ceremony with singing a Mass, after which the Archbishop consecrated the Water, by touching it with a large Gold Cross which he held in his Hand, and saying some Prayers. Which being ended, they brought the Banners, the Relicks, the Images of a great Number of Saints, the Colours of the Regiments, many Children, and diseased Persons, to whom the Archbishop gave the Benediction, sprinkling them at the same Time with the Blessed Water; and the Ceremony ended with a triple Discharge of all the Musquetry, and of the Cannon of the Cittadel. Neither her Imperial Majesty, nor their Imperial Highnesses the Great Duke and Dutchess, were

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present at this Ceremony, on Occasion of the sudden Thaw, accompanied by an almost continual Rain: For this Reason also the Troops were not suffered to draw themselves up upon the River, because it was not thought the Ice was of a sufficient Thickness to bear them; notwithstanding which, a prodigious Number of Spectators ventured on it after the Departure of the Procession, and forced themselves into the Jordan, in order to procure and carry Home some Drops of the Blessed Water.

The Circuits appointed for the Lent Affizes are as follow, viz.

Northern Circuit.

Lord Chief Justice *Lee*.

Mr. Justice *Burnett*.

City of York, Monday March 12, at the Guild-hall of the said City.

York, The same Day, at the Castle of *York*:
Lancaster, Tuesday March 27, at the Castle of *Lancaster*.

Home Circuit.

Lord Chief Justice *Willes*.

Mr. Justice *Denison*.

Hertford, Thursday March 8, at *Hertford*.

Essex, Tuesday March 13, at *Chelmsford*.

Kent, Monday March 19, at *Maidstone*.

Suffex, Monday March 26, at *East Grinstead*.

Surry, Thursday March 29, at *Guildford*.

Norfolk Circuit.

Lord Chief Baron *Parker*.

Mr. Justice *Abney*.

Bucks, Monday March 5, at *Aylesbury*.

Bedford, Thursday March 8, at *Bedford*.

Huntington, Saturday March 10, at *Huntington*.

Cambridge, Monday March 12, at *Cambridge*.

Norfolk, Thursday March 15, at *Thetford*.

Suffolk, Monday March 19, at *Bury St. Edmund's*.

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