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Lisbon, September 21.

N the 7th Instant, which his Portuguese Majesty pitched upon as being the Queen his Mother's Birth-day, the Ceremony of the new King's Acclamation was performed in the large Square before the Palace with great Splendor and Magnificence, a Gallery about 30 Feet in Breadth, and 370 in Length, hung with Crimson Velvet and Damask richly adorned with Gold Lace and Fringes, having been erected for the Occasion, and so contrived as to give an innumerable Concourfe of Spectators, both in the Square, and all the Windows and Balconies around it, the Pleasure of being Eye Witnesses to every Circumstance of this august and solemn Act. The Oath taken by his Portuguese Majesty in the Presence of the Cardinal Patriarch and the Bithops of Portalegre and St. Paul, who had been appointed as special Witnesses to this Part of the Ceremony, was conceived in these Terms, the King kneeling all the Time, and placing his Right Hand on a Golden Cross which lay upon an open Missal. "I do hereby Swear "and Promise with the Grace of God to conduct and govern you well and lawfully, and to administer Justice to you, as far as human Frailty will permit, and to observe all your good Customs, Privileges, Graces, Favours, Liberties and Franchises, which at any Time may have been granted and confi med by the Kings my Predecessors."

The first Person who paid Homage to the new King, was his Brother the Infant Dom Pedro, who acted upon this Occasion as Grand Connêtable to the Kingdom. Then followed the Infants Dom Antonio and Dom Manoel the King's Uncles, Senher Dom Joam, the late Infant Dom Francisco's legitimate Son, and the Duke de Cadaval; and the Oath taken by them was of this Tenour. "I do hereby swear by the Holy Gospels, upon which I now have my Hand, that I acknowledge for our King, true and natural Lord, the most High and most Puissant King Dom Joseph our Lord, to whom I pay Obedience and Homemage, according to the Capitulations and

"Customs of these Kingdoms."
After which, Portugal Principal King at Arms, having by the King's Command thrice repeated the following Words; His Majesty's Pleasure is, that this Oath shall be taken, and his Hand kissed by all Grandees, Titular Lords, as well

Temporal as Ecclesiastick, and others of the Nobility indiscriminately, declaring that none shall thereby receive any Damage or Prejudice in their Rank or Right of Precedency, the

fame Oath was taken by all who had any Title to assist at this Ceremony. As soon as this Part of it was over, the King, followed by the whole Assembly, repaired to the Patriarchal Church, where, with a Royal Scepter in his Hand, his Majesty assisted at a Te Deum sung by the Musicians of his Chappel, and to the Divine Office recited by the Cardinal Patriarch, who concluded this solemn Act by blessing the King and all the Royal Family with a Relick of the Holy Cross.

This Ceremony being merely a National one, and having no immediate Connection with foreign Ministers, the latter could have no proper Place assigned them in it, but were only invited to the Palace in the Evening, where they had the Honour of paying their Compliments of Congratulation to their most faithful Majesties. The Day concluded with Illuminations, Fireworks, and as great Demonstrations of Joy on the Part of the People, as were ever known upon any like Occasion.

Florence, Oct. 2. Yesterday the Emperor's Edict, relating to the Nobility and Citizens of Tuscany, which has been impatiently expected for some Time by all Ranks of People, was published here, and is by no Means agreeable to either of them, particularly to the Nobility, many of whom cannot, and others will have an infinite deal of Trouble, and be at great Expence in making out their Genealogies properly blazoned, which they must do to prove lineal Descent for two hundred Years, being the Term required for those who are to be registered in the first Class, and who will acquite the Name of Patricians. Those who cannot pretend to this Rank, and who hitherto, by beeing deemed Noble, have been upon an Equality with the others, among whom no Distinction was ever made, will, by this new Regulation, be in some Measure degraded. Last Week the Pope summoned a Consistory, to acquaint the College of Cordinals with the Death of the late King of Portugal; which, according to the Forms on such Occasions, obliges all the Cardinals to write Letters of Condolence to the prefent King, and to congratulate his Majesty upon his Accession to the Throne of Portugal. On the 21st past an Edict-was published by the Regency, intimating to the Beggars who are Strangers, to retire from this City, within the Term of Six Months, under the Penalties therein prescribed; and to those who are Subjects, and belong to the respective Towns and Villages of Tuscany, to repair to their respective Parishes except such of the former who have acquired Settlement by having dwelt Six, and the latte three Years successively in this City of Florence and