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H E Catholick King, Philip V. having taken a Resolution to make an absolute Renunciation of the Crown of Spain, in favour of his eldest Son the Prince of Asturias; and to retire, with the Queen his Consort, to S. Ildefonso, there to devote the Remainder of his Days wholly to the Service of God and the Care of his Soul; his Majesty sent last Night to the President of the Council of Castile his Renunciation in Form; which being this day read in that Council, was order'd to be forthwith publish'd throughout the Kingdom. It is as follows:

HA VING these four Years consider'd, maturely, and with due Reflexion, the Miseries of this Life, the Infinitives Wars, and Troubles, with which God has been pleased to visit me during the Twenty three Years of my Reign; and having likewise consider'd, that my eldest Son Don Lewis, Sworn Prince of Spain, is of sufficient Age, marry'd, and has Capacity, Judgment, and the Qualities fit for ruling and governing justly and amply this Monarchy; I have determin'd absolutely to quit the Possession and Administration of it, renouncing the same, with all its Dominions, Kingdoms, and Lordships, in favour of the said Prince Don Lewis my eldest Son; and to retire with the Queen, in whom I have found ready Disposition and voluntary Inclination to accompany me, to this Palace and Seat of S. Ildefonso, Here to serve you, differing from no other Course to mediate my death, and to seek my Salvation. This I communicate to the Council for their Information, to be notify'd to the proper Persons, that my Resolution may be made known to all, at S. Ildefonso, this 15th of January, 1724.

A Circular Letter has likewise been sent, by his Majesty's Direction, to the Persons whom before his Renunciation he thought fit to establish in the chief Offices of the Court and Government. That Letter is as follows:

THE King having resolv'd to retire, and to withdraw himself absolutely from the Government of this Monarchy, by renouncing the Crown, with all its Dominions, Kingdoms, and Lordships, in favour of his eldest Son Don Lewis, Sworn Prince of Spain, his Majesty commands me to acquaint you, that his Will is, you continue to serve the said Prince in the Employment you now possess.

Employments and Promotions which the King left settled at the Time of his renouncing the Crown.

The King's Household.

Steward, the Duke of Alcalá.

Master of the Horse, the Duke of Arco, and the Relation to the Count de Santisteban del Puerto, on whom the Presidency of the Orders is confer'd.

Butler, the Count de Altamira.

Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber, the same who were before.

Captains of the Life-Guards, the same who were so before.

Captain of the Company of Halbardiés, the Prince of Asturias.

The Queen's Household.

Steward, the Marquis de Santa Cruz, and the Reverend to the Marquis de Valoz, on whom the Presidency of the Indies is confer'd.

Master of the Horse, the Duke of Jovenzano, Prince of elmar.

All the other Employments, of both Households, are confid to those who serv'd before.

The Cabinet Council.

The Archishop of Toledo.

The Bishop of Pamplona, Inquisitor General.

The President of Castile, the Marquis de Miraval.

The Marquis de Valero.

on Miguel Francisco Guerra.

the Marquis de Lede.

the Count de Santisteban del Puerto.

Secretaries.

of the Dispatches of State and of Foreign Affairs, Don Bapst Orcañain.

the Dispatches relating to the Indies and the Marine, Anón Sopuna.

The rest confirm'd in their Employments.

New Knights of the Golden Fleece.

The Duke of Miranda.

The Duke of Medina Celi.

The Duke of Medina Sidonia.

The Duke of Arco.

The Marquis de Santa Cruz.

The Marquis de Grimaldo.

The Marquis de Valouze.

The Marquis Scotti.

Don Antonio de Arduino.

The above-mention'd Cabinet-Council of seven Persons, being all Spaniards, (except the Marquis de Lede, who is a Fleming) is to have the Direction of Affairs under the new King. The Council of Castile has declared that King Lewis may immediately take the Government upon him, without assembling the *Cortes*, as having been already sworn and acknowledg'd Prince of Spain; and his Majesty is expect'd the 20th instant, to take his Residence here, his Father remaining at S. Ildefonso, attended only by the Marquis de Grimaldo and the Marquis de Valouze, and the Queen by Donna Laura, who was her Nurse, and two Ladies of her Bed-Chamber. The Pension which their Catolick Majesties have reserv'd to themselves, is 600,000 Crowns a Year, making something more than 100,000 Piftoles; they have also reserv'd 150,000 Crowns for each of the Infantes. On the 10th instant, King Philip caused an Edict to be publish'd, the Preamble of which is as follows:

HA VING consider'd what was represented to me by the Council in their Report of the 19th of October last, hereto annex'd; and having likewise consider'd all that was represented to me at the same time by the Council of the Treasury, upon the different Points refer'd to them, particularly the putting into a Method, on proper Conditions, the Farms of the Royal Revenues, so as the Remedies proposed for relieving the Poverty and Misery which the People now labour under may be attain'd: And having consider'd all with the greatest Attention, and with the sincerest Desire to procure the Relief which the miserable Condition the whole Kingdom is in, and with which I am most sensibly affected, does indispensably require; well understanding, that the Means of such Relief must be as effectual as they are absolutely necessary: I have resolv'd, in order to prevent for the future the Grievances and heavy Damage which the People have suffer'd by the Farmers and Collectors of the Royal Revenues, that the Contracts for the Farms shall henceforward be reduced and restrain'd by the General Laws, &c.

Cambrai, Jan. 24. N. S. At a Conference holden here on the 21st instant, the Imperial Ministers acquainted the Ministers of Great Britain and France, that they had received from the Emperor the Original Act of Investiture for the Duchies of Tuscany, Parma, and Piacenza, in favour of the Prince Don Carlos, Infante of Spain; which Act they declar'd they were authorized to deliver to the Ministers of Spain, pursuant to the Treaty of Quadruple Alliance. The Ministers of Spain having been made acquainted therewith by those of Great Britain and France, and all the necessary Forms on this Occasion having been gone thro' by the several Parties concern'd; at a Meeting this day, the Imperial Ministers did, in the Presence of those of Great Britain and France, deliver the said Original Act of Investiture in due Form to the Ministers of Spain authorized to receive the same.

Paris, Feb. 2. N. S. They write from Madrid, that King Philip and his Consort had refus'd to have any Guards, notwithstanding all that the young King and the Grandees could say to persuade them to it. — The Duke de Maine having demanded the Office of Master of the Ordnance, which had been annex'd to the Office of War, the same has been granted him. — We hear that Monsieur de Fortia, who is at the Head of the Duke de Bourbon's Council, will be made *Prévost des Marchandises*, in the room of Monsieur de Chateauneuf. — On the 27th ult. the Duke de Charlito's Valet de Chambre passing over the *Pont de la Tournelle* about Nine o'Clock at Night, was set upon by four Footpads, who, while they were riving him, hearing a Noise, threw him into the River. As soon as he rose to the Surface of the Water, he had the good Fortune to lay hold of the Rope of a Boat, which guided him under one of the Arches, where he tarry'd till the Watch came by, and then crying out, they went and took him up; but he is so ill, that 'tis fear'd he cannot recover. — Half of Prevost's Body has been taken out of the River near Port Royal.

