The Legislative power in Poland seems to be in the hands of the K. Senate, & Deputies of the Nobility & Gentry. Upon such great occasions as the Election of a King, all the Nobility & Gentry assemble in an open Field on Horse back, where they pretend a right to make alterations in the Government, & putting new conditions in the Pacta Conventa which the Elected either in Person or by Proxy must sign, before they acknowledge him as K.

During the Interregnum the Archbishop of Gnesna has the Regal Authority, he issues the Letters to the Palatinates acquainting them with the Death of their K. & when the Election for a new one is to be.

The K. gives all places whether Ecclesiastical, Civil, or Military & also some Estates of the Crown, ~~take care of the~~ none but Polish Gentlemen can possess them ~~of his~~ Children, nor to foreigners, ~~nor make Peace or war or any Treaty~~ merchants, Tradesmen, & Husbandmen being by the Constitution incapable of holding them. ~~Tradesmen or Peasants are not only the Polish Gentlemen~~ Those who have these employments the some as for life, the K. ~~appoint~~ not being able to take them from them unless the Diet unanimously agree to it.

The K. can call, prorogue, or dissolve the Diet at pleasure but can neither send, nor receive Ambassadors, nor make peace, nor war without at least the Consent of the Senate, if not of the Diet.

The Revenues of the K. are about £140,000. pr. An. this is commonly granted the K. soon after his Coronation, which with his Paternal Estate, & what he gets ~~by the Crown~~ when he gives a place enables him to make a great figure, for he has no Civil List, nor no Forces to pay.

His Queen gets a Revenue either on the Death or Marriage of the Ld. Dowager, & his Children generally have pensions after his death, tho' they cannot hold any place.

The K. Council can only consist of Poles, all Senators have a right to be there, & never less than 4. attend, but whether the K. cannot admit other Poles there, does not clearly appear.

ye K. in conjunction with yt. Senate can make Acts of State when
ye Diet does not meet, which have yt. force of laws, till yt. Diet
repeals them.

They also send & receive Ambassadors, make Alliances, Peace,
& war; yet yt. Diet always protests against their assuming this
right; & yt. K. at his accession promises not to make Peace or
War &c. without yt. Consent of yt. Diet.

But as yt. Diets often brake up in a most tumultuous
manner, & without determining any thing; if yt. Senate did not
make alliances they would be continually in danger of injuries
from their neighbours.

ye Bishops, Palatines, Castellans & 10. great Officers of yt. Crown &
Dutchy, make up yt. Senate, to yt. amount of 150. These are Senators
in virtue of their offices, which are all in yt. K. gift, yet he
cannot make a Senator yt. is not in one of yt. above mention'd
classes.

ye. Legislative power in Poland seems to be divided between ye. K. Senate, & Representatives of ye. Nobility & Gentry.

On ye. demise of ye. Crown, ye. Archb. of Guesna has ye. Regal Authority; he acquaints ye. Palatinates of ye. death of their K. & of ye. time for chusing another.

ye. Senators at ye. appointed time assemble in a field near Warsaw in a boarded Room, & ye. rest of ye. Nobility on Horseback; before ye. Election ye. Senators & some of ye. Nobility go in form to St. John's Church in Warsaw, to beg ye. assistance of Heaven in their Choice; then on returning to ye. Field they elect their Marshal or Speaker, who swears to act properly, to receive no bribe, nor to have any communication with ye. several Competitors; after which ye. Senators & Nobility take an Oath, to keep a strict union amongst themselves, to admit no one as their K. but who is unanimously Chosen, & who shall swear to preserve ye. Rights & Priviledges of ye. Rep. inviolable. They also promise not to treat with any Candidate till their Grievances concerning ye. K.m. or Grand Duchy of Lithuania be redress'd, & all Acts of State ye. seem to intrench on their liberties be repeal'd.

ye Legislative power in Poland seems to be divided between ye K, Senate, & Representatives of ye Nobility & Gentry.

Whenever their K. dies, ye Arch. of Guesna has ye Regal Authority; he aquaints ye Palatinates of ye death of their K. & of ye time for chuseing a new one.

At ye time appointed ye Senators assemble in a field on a boarded Room prepar'd for them, & ye Rest of ye Nobility on Horseback; before ye Election ye Senators & some of ye Nobility go in form to St. John's church in Warsaw, to beg Heaven to assist them in their choice; then they return to ye field; chuse their Marshal or Speaker, who swears to discharge his Office properly, to receive no bribe, or have any communication with ye different Competitors. After which ye Senators & Nobility taken an Oath, to keep a strict union among themselves, to acknowledge no K. but who is unanimously elected, & who shall swear to keep their rights & priviledges of ye Rep. inviolable, & they promise not to treat with any Candidate till their grievances concerning ye Great Dany of Lithuania be redres'd, & till all Acts of State yt they think intoench on their Liberties be repeal'd.

They erect a Court call'd Tatpus, for ye defence of ye K. ye during ye interregnum. All are forbid to appear with arms at ye Election; & ye Crown Gens.