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**873.** [TAYLER TO THE AMBASSADORS OF LUBECK?]

The King has received with very great satisfaction the letters they have brought from the senate (*senatus et resp. vestra*) expressive of their goodwill towards his majesty; but as the ambassadors are probably tired with their long and perilous journey, he will defer hearing their charge till Sunday next. Meanwhile [Tayler] is commissioned to express to them how much pleased the King is to hear of their arrival, both on account of the object of their mission, and also on account of the princes who sent them, for all of whom he has a high regard. Finally he thanks them for the great trouble they have taken in this embassy, and assures them that nothing in his kingdom that may gratify them shall be wanting to them.

The King is very grateful for their acute and learned judgment on the subject of his marriage, and thanks them alike for their friendship and for their zeal in defending justice and the authority of God's word. The cause is that of Christ and his religion. Proceeds to give an account of the King's scruples of conscience and the bishop of Rome's resistance to his just demands *per fas et nefas*, "*velut Davus, imo cacodæmon.*"  
*Lat., imperfect, pp. 2. In Tayler's hand.*

2. Another draft of a speech to the same ambassadors, in answer to an oration by them, with which the King is highly pleased. The remarks about the King's marriage are similar to those in § 1, but are continued to a greater length. The King will take advice about their petition.

*Lat., pp. 4. In Tayler's hand.*