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*Proclamation of 19th March. Imprisonment of Godoy*

1808

'Proclamation: By Royal Command issued this afternoon by His Excellency Marquis Caballero to His Excellency The Provisional Governor of the Council, the latter is notified that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to authorise His Majesty the Prince of Asturias to institute legal proceedings against Don Manuel Godoy, who is already under arrest. The Council, informed of this at the house of His Excellency, has agreed that this order of His Majesty's should be announced publicly, together with another in which it is decreed that all goods and effects now in the Court apartments of the said Don Manuel Godoy shall be the property of His Majesty. His Majesty commands this order to be published so that the people, trusting in His justice and that of His Council, might be placated, as he hopes they will be as loyal citizens, and return forthwith to their dwellings. There will then be no reason or pretext to doubt the signal loyalty of this law-abiding neighbourhood, nor to require the Supreme Court to take further measures.

Madrid, 19th March, 1808. Signed and Sealed.

This is a copy . . . etc, etc. Don Bartolomé Muñoz.'

(*Gaceta de Madrid*, 25 March 1808.)

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*Abdication of Carlos IV*

1808

'Since the attacks from which we suffer do not permit us any longer to bear the great burden of governing the affairs of our kingdom, and since our poor health demands a kinder climate and the peace and