

for him the heart of his mother; and his obedience to her, in all of her whims and desires, probably had more to do with this than anything else. Even the nation was already prepossessed in his favor; and it is the nation that makes the king. It was a saying current in the kingdom, that the youngest was the son of the King, and the eldest the son of the Grand-Marshal. Besides, as the letter "J" had been found in the collection of the Polish prophecies to point out King John: the letter "A" was now discovered to begin the name of his successor.

Prince Alexander was, therefore, considered as a rival by Prince James, whose jealousy rose to a higher pitch than ever when the King left Warsaw on the 13th of June, 1691, and took with him this favorite son to present him to the army and form him for military glory, and yet the elder son could not complain of being slighted by his august father. The King had invited him to accompany him with the Princess of Poland, till the expedition was ended. But Prince James, who was dissatisfied with everything in his present fit of ill humor, answered that he would not expose his wife to the harsh treatment of the Queen and that as to himself, having no settled revenue, he could not bear the expense of the campaign. He thought proper to conceal the true reason and the King, who might have laid his commands upon him, left him to his own inclinations