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the lives and fortunes of his subjects. But this he exercises chiefly towards his ministers and officers of state. Their laws in general are equitable, if duly executed, but justice is frequently bought and sold.

*History.*] The *Ottoman* empire, or sovereignty of the Turkish empire, was founded at Constantinople by Osman I. upon the total destruction of the empire of the eastern Greeks in the year 1300, who was succeeded by a race of the most warlike Princes that are recorded in history. The Turkish throne is hereditary in the family of Osman. The present Ottoman or Turkish Emperor, is ABDELHAMET or ACHMET III. who had been in confinement forty-four years. He succeeded his brother Mullapha III. January 21, 1774.

## H U N G A R Y,

(Belonging to the House of *Austria*.)

<i>miles.</i> Length 300 } Breadth 200 }	between { 17° and 23° East Longitude. { 45° and 49° North Latitude.	<i>Sq. miles.</i> 36,600.
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**B**OUNDED north, by Poland ; east, by Transylvania and Walachia ; south, by Slavonia ; west, by Austria and Moravia. Divided into *Upper Hungary*, north of the Danube ; and *Lower Hungary*, south of the Danube.

*Population.*] See table of Europe.

*Air, Soil and Produce.*] The air in the southern parts of Hungary is very unhealthy, owing to stagnated waters in lakes and marshes. The air in the northern parts is more serene and healthy. The soil in some parts is very fertile, and produces almost every kind of fruits. They have a fine breed of mouse-coloured horses, much esteemed by military officers.

*Religion.*] The established religion in Hungary is the Roman Catholick, though the greater part of the inhabitants are Protestants or Greeks ; and they now enjoy the full exercise of their religious liberties.

*Government.*] By the constitution of Hungary, the crown is still held to be elective. This point is not disputed. All that is insisted on is, that the heir of the house of Austria shall be elected as often as a vacancy happens.

The regalia of Hungary, consisting of the crown and sceptre of St. Stephen, the first King, are deposited in Presburg. These are carefully secured by seven locks, the keys of which are kept by the same number of Hungarian noblemen. No prince is held by the populace as legally their sovereign, till he be crowned with the diadem of King Stephen; and they have a notion that the fate of their nation depends upon this crown's remaining in their possession; it has therefore been always removed in times of danger, to places of the greatest safety.

*Chief Towns.*] PRESBURG, in Upper Hungary, is the capital of the whole kingdom. It is well built on the Danube, and, like Vienna, has suburbs more magnificent than itself. In this city the states of Hungary hold their assemblies, and in the cathedral church the sovereign is crowned.

*History.*] This kingdom is the ancient Pannonia. Julius Cæsar was the first Roman that attacked Hungary, and Tiberius subdued it. The Goths afterwards took it; and in the year 376, it became a prey to the Huns and Lombards. It was annexed to the empire of Germany under Charlemagne, but became an independent kingdom in 920. It was the seat of bloody wars between the Turks and Germans, from 1540 to 1739, when, by the treaty of Belgrade, it was ceded to the latter, and is now annexed to the German empire. Formerly it was an assemblage of different states, and Stephen was the first who assumed the title of King, in the year 997. He was distinguished with the appellation of SAINT, because he first introduced christianity into this country. The present sovereign is MARIA THERESA, who succeeded her father CHARLES VI. February 12, 1736. She married Francis Stephen, Grand Duke of Lorraine, chosen Emperor September 1745; who died in August, 1765, by whom she had the present Emperor Joseph II. GERMANY.