## IV. CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

## 1701. Mar. 8: Mecklenburg divided into Schwerin and Strelitz (-1934). June 12: Act of Settlement, provides for Protestant succession of house of Hanover.

## V. ECONOMIC HISTORY AND NATURAL SCIENCE

## VI. CULTURAL LIFE

1701. Steele: The Christian Hero. Yale College, Newhaven, Conn., founded. Russian Patriarchate abolished. Society for Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts founded.

1702. Asiento Guinea Company formed to transport negroes to America. Serfdom abolished on royal estates in Denmark. 1702. Daily Courant, first English daily newspaper. J. Kersey: New English Dictionary.
 1702-1714. Vanbrugh builds Castle Howard, Yorks.

1703. May 16: Methuen Treaty between England and Portugal.

1704. Newton: Optics; corpuscular theory of light. Newcomen

erects first steam-engine.

1703. Schlüter's statue of the Great Elector, Berlin. *Vyedomosti*, first Russian newspaper.

1704. Apr.: Harley and St. John, moderate Tories, join Ministry.

1705. Aug. 28: George William, Duke of Lüneburg-Celle, d.; his country united with Hanover. Oct. 25: Parliament with Whig majority meets; Cowper appointed Lord Chancellor.

1706. Apr. 29: Electors of Bavaria and Cologne outlawed by the Emperor. Dec. 3: Sunderland appointed Secretary of State.

1706. Mill invents carriage-springs.

1704. Swift: Tale of a Tub. Defoe starts Weekly Review, first American newspaper, at Boston. Oct. 28: John Locke d. Oct. 29: Vossische Zeitung first published at Berlin (-1033).

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1705. B. de Mandeville: Fable of
the Bees; political satire. Vanbrugh builds Blenheim Palace,
Oxfordshire. Peter the Great
founds Moscow University.

1706. Excavations begun at Pompeii and Herculaneum. G. Farquhar: The Recruiting Officer.

1707. May 1: Union between England and Scotland. Union between Castile and Aragon.

1708. Feb.: Ministry made wholly Whig. Oct. 28: Prince Consort, George of Denmark d. Russia divided into 8 governments.

1707. Vauban: Projet d'une Dîme Royale, on social and economic defects of France; burnt by command of king. Denis Papin invents steamboat; destroyed by mob.

1708. East India and New East India Companies merged.

1707. Fénelon exiled from French court. G. Farquhar: The Beaux' Stratagem. Isaac Watts: Hymns and Spiritual Songs.

1708. Handel: Agrippina. Montfaucon: Palaeographia Graeca. First permanent German theatre at Vienna.