

in the Middle of each of them was one of the Stone Terms which adorn the Circumference of this large Spot: The Illumination of the Gallery, which we have just spoken of, was answerable to that of the Building: The Illumination of the Parterres was according to their Compartments; that of the Grass-Plats formed a Kind of Mosaick, and the Basons were illuminated according to their Structure, as well as the Vases upon the Walls on each Side of the Terrace, which was illuminated in the Whole by one hundred and thirty thousand Terrines, Fire-Pots and Lamps, and presented a Prospect, which seemed to vie in Beauty with the Building itself.

Their Majesties and the Royal Family came down to the Terrace about Half an Hour after Ten in the Evening, being desirous to enjoy the Sight, which was enlivened by the Masks who entered this Part of the Garden in Crowds, by two Communications contrived in the New Hall.

Sumptuous as this truly Royal Entertainment was with respect to the Richness of the Illuminations, and the Magnificence of the Decorations in the Inside of the Palace, it was no less worthy of Admiration for the Regularity with which it was conducted, the astonishing Abundance which reigned there, and the Manner in which the Guests were served.

The Company entered by two different Ways, both ending at the Belvedere, and the Carriages returned by a Third; and the Populace, who were permitted to enter into the Gardens, which were divided by an Inclosure of the Terrace, came in at a fourth Way; so that there was no Possibility of Confusion. All these Entrances were enlightened by a very great Number of Lanthorns; and Parties of Dragoons and Hussars were posted at proper Distances, to keep Order and prevent Disturbances.

Thirteen Rooms, as above, were used for Side-Boards. They were furnished with every Delicacy that Imagination can suggest, in Meats, Poultry, and Game; Oglions, Chocolate, Coffee and Tea; Ices and Refreshments; Pastries and dry Sweetmeats of all Sorts; Oranges, and Fruits of every Kind; the most exquisite Wines of Tokay, Spain, Italy, Burgundy, Champagne, and the Rhine; and the Whole in so plentiful a Manner, that it was impossible to perceive the least Diminution in any Part, every Thing being instantly replaced; and nothing can equal the Attention, Readiness and Politeness with which their Majesties Officers distributed, without Distinction, every Thing that was called for, unless it be the great Elegance that reigned through the Whole. The Profusion was so great, that after the Feast was ended, enough was left to furnish out another, though there were present upwards of 12,000 Persons masked and unmasked. What remained was, by Order of their Majesties, distributed to the Soldiers on Guard at the Belvedere.

One essential Object of Attention, and which was not neglected, was the Danger to be apprehended from Fire. The most prudent Precautions were therefore taken. Fire-Engines were at hand ready to play; and 800 Men were stationed about the Great Hall, and in the other Apartments, most of whom were concealed in covered Niches, to be ready on the least Occasion; the rest had the Care of the Lights, which they renewed from Time to Time.

The Vigilance of her Imperial Majesty extended still farther. Nothing, in which the Good of her Subjects is concerned, escapes her Observation. Physicians and Surgeons attended, by her Order, with Medicines, in different Rooms, where Beds were prepared in case of Accidents.

Upon the Whole, the general Satisfaction was completed by the Appearance of their Majesties, and the Archdukes and Archduchesses, who passed several Times through the Rooms, and bestowed on all the Company Marks of that great Goodness and Affability, which so eminently distinguish them.

This Entertainment, as to what relates to the Interior of the Palace, was given under the Direction of Prince d'Auersperg, the Great Chamberlain; to whose particular Care and Attention are owing the Order, Magnificence, and Regularity, which reigned through the Whole; nor is less Merit due to Baron Paccassi, with regard to the Part which fell to his Share in this magnificent Entertainment.

*Naples, April 17.* Their Sicilian Majesties came from Caserta to this Capital, and assisted at the Ceremonies of the Holy Week, as usual. Yesterday the Court removed to Portici, where they will remain till the End of next Month.

*Naples, April 24.* The Duke of Dorset arrived here on Thursday last; and his Courier, a Piedmontese, having had some Words with the Master of the Ferry-Boat, who demanded more than his Due, at the Passage of the Garigliano, and these Words having produced Blows, the Ferryman deliberately fetched a Gun, which he presented at the Courier, who was then in the Boat with his Master; on this the Courier jumped out of the Boat, and screened himself behind some Peasants who were standing by, but the Ferryman still taking his Aim at the Courier, the latter ran up to him, who shot him dead upon the Spot. His Sicilian Majesty, being informed of this Transaction, immediately issued his Orders for apprehending the Ferryman; but it is most probable that he is fled into the Roman State.

*Rome, April 21.* The Empress of Russia has appointed Dr. Girardi, late Professor of Botany in this University, to be Consul for the Russian Nation at Naples. Her Imperial Russian Majesty has also appointed M. Manfredi Poet Laureat, with a Salary of 4000 Crowns per Annum.

On the 15th Instant, being Easter Sunday, the Pope, attended by the College of Cardinals, his whole Retinue, and the different Orders of the Clergy, performed the Functions of that Day at the Vatican; after which he gave the Benediction to a very great Number of People from the Balcony of the Vatican.

On the 16th Cardinal Pallavicini, the Secretary of State, entertained at Dinner Prince Xavier of Saxony, to which many Cardinals, the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, were invited. On the 19th Baron St. Odile entertained the Prince at Dinner a third Time, with several Ladies, &c. His Serene Highness is on his Departure for Naples; and, on his setting out from Fermo, he presented to the Cardinal Archbishop, and to the Governor of that Town, each a Gold Snuff-Box; to Count Spinucci a Gold Repeating Watch set with Diamonds, and another to the Countess, with two rich Brocade Suits of Cloaths, and a Pair of Diamond Ear-Rings; to the other Gentlemen and Ladies of the Family four Gold Repeating Watches set with Diamonds, and six Pieces of Brocade; to others three Gold Snuff-Boxes; and Pensions to divers Persons of that Family.

A few Days ago M. Bermundaz, the Spanish Agent, set out for Civita Vecchia, to receive from the Commander of a Spanish Frigate the Sum of 170000 Dollars for the Pensions of the expelled Spanish Jesuits in the Ecclesiastical State.

On the 14th the Princesses Pignatelli, Tablanowski, the Dutchesse Strozzi, and the Countess Spinucci, were introduced by the Princesses Albani, Barberini, and Corsini, at the Church of Notre Dame des Graces, to kiss the Pope's Foot, who presented them with a Set of Beads with Gold Medals.

*Florence, April 28.* On the 21st Instant, in the Morning, the Great Dutchesse was happily brought to Bed of a Princess, in the Palace of the Country; where, a few Hours after, the Nobility, the Foreign Ministers, the Great Officers of the Court, the Military Officers, &c. were invited to attend at the Christening; which was performed by the Archbishop