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Adiers, Sept. 29. N. S.

THE Dey of Algiers having lately gained a considerable Victory over the King of Morocco, returned hither with his Forces, and having refreshed them in this place during 3 days, he marched against the Army of Tunis and Tripoli, who besieged Constantina, one of the Principal Towns of the Kingdom of Algiers, and on the 23d Instant arrived within 3 easy days march of their Camp, where he resolved to expect a strong Reinforcement from Bonna, whither they were sent by Sea. Morat, Bey of Tunis, who commanded the Enemy's Troops, having notice of the motions of the Algerines, resolved to fall upon them before all their Forces were joined together: He therefore decamped from before Constantina with his whole Army, much stronger than that of the Algerines, and being advanced near to the Algerine Camp, plied them very warmly with 27 Pieces of Cannon. The Algerines had with them only 4 Pieces of Cannon, but being encouraged by the Promise of the Dey, That whoever was maimed in the Battel should receive a considerable Reward, and be continued in full Pay during his Life; but more by the Example he himself set them, bravely bore the Enemy's Fire, which gaul'd them very much, and advancing very near to the Tunisians, fired a Volley of small Shot, which put them into disorder, and then with Sword in hand fell in among them, and in less than an hour totally routed them, and became Masters of their Camp, taking a great number of Colours, and above 4000 Arms, and all their Cannon. Morat Bey of Tunis fled with about 100 Horse, and was pursued by a Party of Algerines, but escaped them. The Dey of Algiers after this Victory, which has given him a great Reputation, caused Ben Solyman a Tunisian (who upon some Difference with Morat Bey fled to Algiers, where he has continued ever since) to be proclaimed Bey of Tunis, and marched towards that City with a design to oblige them to receive the new Bey, and to demand of them a Contribution of 400000 Dollars. 'Tis said, the Tripolines have killed their General, and that our Dey has sent to demand of them 100000 Dollars. The Deputy-Governor of this Place no sooner received Advice of this Victory, but he sent for the English, French, and other Consuls, and desired them to cause their Houses to be illuminated,

and gave Orders, that there should be publick Rejoicings in the Town during 3 days upon this occasion.

Marseilles, Nov. 12. By a Ship lately arrived here from the Levant we have received an Account, that 4 Gallies of Malta, under the Command of the Bailly Spinola, viz. the Capitana, the Magistrale, the St. Lewis, and the St. Mary, cruising on the Coast of Barbary, had fight the 3d Instant, early in the morning, of a Turkish Man of War of 50 Guns, 16 Patereroes, and 180 Men, bound from Suxa with Provisions to Tripoly, and from thence to Alexandria and Constantinople. The Capitana and the Magistrale bore up with the Turkish Ship about two in the afternoon, and engaged her. In the mean time the St. Lewis being also come up, the Bailly gave the Signal for boarding her; but the Turk tacking about, got to the Windward of the Capitana; but the Magistrale clapt the Turkish Ship on board, and was soon seconded by the Capitana, who had regained the Weather-gage. The Turks defended themselves with great obstinacy; and when the Maltese were Masters of all their Decks, 12 of the Turks got into the Powder-Room with a Resolution to blow up the Ship; but the General promising them Quarter, and that he would give them their liberty, they surrendered, and the Man of War was brought into Malha. In this Engagement, one French Knight and 3 Spanish were killed, and one Italian and 4 French Knights were wounded; Nine Soldiers were killed, and 57 wounded; And of the Galley-Slaves, 12 were killed, and 22 wounded. We have received Letters by this opportunity from on board the French Squadron of Men of War commanded by the Marquis de Nesmond, bearing date the 22d of the last Month; Who were at that time in the Bay of Tunis, to demand Satisfaction of the Tunisians for some Infractions of the Treaty between France and that Government. The Bey, when they arrived there, was at the Head of his Army before Constantina, which Town he had besieged about 3 Months, but the Algerines coming to the Relief of that Place, totally routed his Army; The Bey behaved himself very bravely on that occasion, having had two Horses killed under him, but was forced at last to make his escape to Tunis; and 'twas expected the Algerines would besiege that Place.

Rome, Octob. 30. On the 25th Instant an Express arrived here from Madrid, with the News that the King of Spain was dangerously ill, upon which the Cardinals Zúñiga's pres'd the Conclave to come to an Election and again proposed Cardinal Marsili; but the French Cardinals declared, That they had Orders from their Court to exclude him; Since which the Cardinals, Cordero, Spinola, and Palucci, have been in nomination, but the Electors are still for Marsili; and it's said they can dispose of 31 Votes.