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At the Court at St. James's, May 19, 1709.

P R E S E N T,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Enemy are in great Distress for want of Corn, and do use all possible means to get themselves supplied from Her Majesty's Dominions, and that there is reason to believe that they have received Corn by the way of Spain; to prevent therefore a Practice which so visibly tends to the Support of the Enemy, more especially at this time, and to the Prejudice of the whole Alliance; Her Majesty is pleased in Council to declare, That all sorts of Corn which shall be bound in any Ships whatsoever to the Enemies Country, is and shall be deemed Contraband; and does hereby strictly prohibit all her loving Subjects from Exporting the same, to any Ports or Places whatsoever within the Dominions of Her declared Enemies.

Edward Southwell.

St. James's, May 15. This Evening Count Bergami, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Duke of Modena, took his private Audience of Leave of Her Majesty; being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies.

Venice, May 10. N. S. Letters from Rome of the 4th Instant, say, That the Pope held a Congregation on the 28th of the last Month about the Recognition of King Charles, but there did not appear in the Assembly the Number requisite for the Dispatch of that Affair. The Members of the Congregation industriously avoid being present at the decision of it; some pretending to be sick, and others retiring to their Country Seats, when they expect to be called upon for their Assistance in Council. At the same time, it is said, the Cardinals have unanimously advised the Pope to fulfil his Promises to the Emperor, and laid before him the ill Consequences of delaying to give Satisfaction to that Court any longer. What keeps the Matter in suspense at present, is supposed to be, that the Pope stays 'till the Minister of the Duke of Anjou has departed out of Italy; for whose Service the Pope's Gallies are in a readiness at Civita Vecchia. The Dismission of the Nuncio from the Court of Madrid has given that of Rome so great Offence, that Monsieur Pallavicini, who had Dispatches to the Duke of Anjou, has received Directions to stay at Genoa 'till further Orders. The most serene Prince Aloisio Mocenigo, Duke of this Republic, departed this Life on Monday last about Noon. His Body is privately interred in the Parish-Church of his Palace; but great Preparations are making for depositing his Effigies in the Church of St. John and St. Paul, in the most solemn and magnificent manner. After the Funeral Honours are performed to this Prince, the Nobles will proceed to the Election of a Doge.

Vienna, May 11. N. S. On the 9th Instant Marschal Thaur set out for Turin. Count Ravenhau, who accompanied the King of Denmark in his Journey to Italy, is arrived here. His Imperial Majesty having some time since raised Prince Lamberg to the Dignity of a Prince of the Empire, and being desirous to render that Beneficent compleat in all Respects, has been pleased, as a further Mark of his Favour, to grant him the Landgraviate of Leuchtenberg, an immediate Fee of the Empire, situated

in the Upper Palatinate, which intitles the Prince to a Seat and Vote in the Diet of the Empire. Yesterday the Prince received the Investiture of it in Person. He was conducted to the Ceremony by two Princes of the Empire, the Prince of Schwartzenberg, and the Prince of Eggenberg. The Prince kneeling on the lowermost Step of the Throne, a Gentleman, whom he had appointed for that purpose, made a Speech in his Name, desiring the Emperor to grant him the Investiture. To which the Vice-Chancellor of the Empire replied, by order from the Emperor, signifying his Imperial Majesty's Pleasure to grant the Request. The Prince then mounted the Steps of the Throne, and kneeling at his Imperial Majesty's Feet, and laying his Hand on the Gospels, he took the usual Oath of Fidelity to the Emperor and Empire, and received the Investiture. After the Ceremony was over, the Prince himself returned Thanks to his Imperial Majesty, for the Benefit he had been pleased to confer upon him; and concluded with Assurances, that he would transmit down to his Posterity, together with his new Honour, true Sentiments of Gratitude and Thankfulness to his Benefactor, and of Loyalty and Fidelity to his Liege-Lord and Master.

Hamburg, May 24. N. S. On Tuesday last the Duke Administrator of Holstein, and his Dutches, set out for the Baths of Schlangen. The Imperial Commission is disposing all our Affairs towards a happy and speedy Conclusion, to which end they have sent Instructions to the Magistrates for drawing up certain Articles, which, for the future, are to be their constant Rule of Government. Our Magistracy lately published a Prohibition of transporting any sort of Corn or Provisions into France, on Penalty of Confiscation of their Ships and Loading, without any distinction, and hath strictly forbidden the distilling of Spirits from Corn, to prevent the Want of that Commodity in this Place. We are advised from Dantzic, that a French Privateer of 24 Guns and a Merchantman were come in there, some others being also expected, in order to transport the Corn which the French Factors have bought up in that City to Dunkirk. King Stanislaus and General Craffau are advanced as far as Lemberg, with a design to join the Swedes in Ukrania. Letters from Saxony say, that the King of Denmark was expected there about the latter end of this Month, all things being in disposition for his Majesty's Reception. We are advised from Stockholm, that Count Gyldenstolp, the chief Minister and President of the Chancery, died there on the 14th Instant; as did Monsieur Cayer, the Chancellor of the Court, some Days before; so that the Administration of the foreign Affairs of that Nation are under the sole direction of Count Horn, who formerly assisted at the Election of King Stanislaus, as Ambassador from the King of Sweden. These Advices add, that there is a great Scarcity of Corn throughout that Kingdom.

Thomas Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, &c. Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. is pleased to direct, That all the Men which are in and about London, belonging to Her Majesty's Ships Cornwall and Norfolk, do forthwith repair to their Duty on Board the said Ships at Chatham, otherwise they will be taken up and prosecuted as Deserters.

Her Majesty's Ships the Restoration, Newark and Burford at Chatham or Blackstake, and the Rupert in Longreach or at the Nore, being forthwith ordered to Sea; the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, &c. Lord High-Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland,