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Florence, April 14. N. S.

WE have receiv'd Letters from Spain importing, that there is a general Discontent among the Spanish Grandees, occasion'd by a Suspicion, that the Duke of Pampeluna did not Die a natural Death in the Castle of Pampeluna. It was once reported, that the Duke of Ossuna was put under Confinement, but of this we have no certainty: However, it is confidently reported, that that Minister, and some others, have laid down their Employments, and are retired from Court. The Duke of Uzeda's Secretary was seiz'd some time since, with Papers of great importance; upon the Perusal of which all the Estate belonging to that Duke, who is at present at Genoa, has been confiscated by the Order of the Duke of Anjou. An English Officer, who came lately from Barcelona, and pass'd thro' this Place in his way to London, informs us, that his Catholick Majesty had sent an Express to Lieutenant-General Stanhope, with an Authority to make what Exchange he thought fit, both for himself and the other English Officers, and that the General was to be exchange'd for the Duke of Estalona: Our Advices from thence add, that Count Lichtenstein and the Condes de Palma and Corsana, were Competitors for the Government of Naples; and that the Fears the Court had conceiv'd of a Revolution in Sardinia, were wholly dispell'd since the Arrival of the Confederate Fleet. All the Troops designed for Barcelona are in full March towards Vado; and General Paté is gone to Genoa, in order to hasten and facilitate their Embarkation. Letters from Leghorn of the 13th Instant, N. S. which are just arriv'd say, that four British Men of War are Cruising between the Capriaia and Corfica, where they are order'd to keep their Stations 'till Sir John Norris sails with the Confederate Fleet from Vado.

Venice, April 17. N. S. They write from Rome, that the Pope has appointed a Congregation of Cardinals to meet, and enquire into the Proceedings of the Elector of Hanover, in relation to the Bishoprick of Hildesheim. The Court of Rome seem much concern'd at these Proceedings, and the Pope has sent Circular Letters to all the Popish Princes of the Empire, exhorting them to intercede with his Electoral Highness in behalf of the Bishop and Chapter. He is perfectly well inform'd of all that has been done in that Affair by a German Baron call'd Vanderhurst, who is now at Rome, and has obtain'd a Benchice there. Signior Corvione, a Venetian, is going privately from Genoa into France, having a full Power from this Republick, and Letters of Recommendation from several Persons of Note in the French Interest. His Business is to endeavour to accommodate the Differences that have been so long depending between this State and the Court of France, and they are not without some hopes that he will succeed in his Commission. Baron Urbich, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Czar of Muscovy, is arriv'd here, and has been visited by the British and other Foreign Ministers residing in this City.

Copenhagen, April 25. N. S. Last Week the King made a Promotion of General Officers, among whom Baron Wedel, who is appointed to serve in Flanders, is made a Lieutenant-General

of Foot, and Monsieur Brogdorf, who serves at present in the Danish Cavalry in that Country, is recall'd, and being declar'd a Major-General of Horse, will Command some of the Forces in these Parts. Two Regiments of Foot, and one of Dragoons, having been appointed to March towards Holstein, one of those Regiments is already set forwards, and the other two have receiv'd Orders to hold themselves in a readiness to March upon the first Notice. Several Deserters, arriv'd here from Schonen, report, that the Swedes are fitting out their Fleet at Carelsroon with the greatest Diligence imaginable, and that twenty of their Ships are already in a Condition to put to Sea. A British Fleet of twenty three Sail of Merchant-ships arriv'd last Week in the Sound; and three or four Sail that came out in Company with them, and belong to the same Nation, are put into Gottenburg. The Men of War appointed for a Convoy to this Fleet, turn'd off to another Course, as soon as they saw 'em safe into the Schagen.

From the Camp at Orchies, April 30. N. S. Upon Advice, that the Marechal de Villars had been visiting some Posts between the Scarpe and the Senset, the Earl of Albermarle march'd yesterday Morning with all the Granadiers of the Army to Pont à Rache on the Scarpe, near which Place we had before a considerable Body of Horse, to observe any Motions the Enemy might make on that side, where his Lordship found all things quiet, and return'd back to Fournay in the Evening. This Day the several Bodies that compose our Army, join'd, and march'd together to this Place, and we encamp'd with the Right on the Marque, and the Left near the Scarpe, with the Town of Orchies, where his Grace the Duke of Marlborough has taken his Quarters, in the Center. The Enemy are encamp'd behind the Senset, with their Right at Oisy, and their Left at Mouchy le Preux; and as the March we are to make to Morrow will bring us in sight of the Enemy, we may then see what Measures they design to take.

Hague, May 1. N. S. According to our Advices from the Frontiers, the Army of the Allies was to assemble the 30th of the last Month, at which time his Grace the Duke of Marlborough was expected at Tournay. This Day they were to pass the Scarpe, in order to encamp on the other side that River. The Enemy are post'd with their Right at Oisy, and their Left at Mouchy le Preux; but as the River Senset is between the two Armies, there is no great likelihood of their coming near each other. The Ministers of Saxony and Hanover have receiv'd Orders to assure the States-General, that the Electors, their Masters, have resolv'd to Vote in favour of his Catholick Majesty King Charles the Third at the ensuing Election; and inasmuch as we are likewise assur'd, that the Ecclesiastical Electors, and the Elector Palatin, are of the same Sentiments, it is thought that Affair will meet with no Difficulty, but be brought to a speedy Decision. Since the Resolutions taken by the States on that Subject have been made Publick, the Actions at Amsterdamm, which fell considerably upon the News of the late Emperor's Death, have advanced five per Cent. A Courier from England arriv'd here this Evening, with Dispatches for my Lord Raby. The Prince of Savoy is not yet arriv'd, but is hourly expected. Mr. Whisworth, the Queen's Ambassador to the Czar, is still here.