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Kensington, May 28.

THIS being His Majesty's Birth Day, there was a very numerous and splendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility and other Persons of Distinction; and at Night there were Illuminations, Bonfires, and other publick Demonstrations of Joy throughout London and Westminster.

Naples, May 10. The Viceroy has for some Time past applied himself with all possible Diligence, to the providing of every thing necessary for the Security of the Places of Strength in this Kingdom, most of which are furnished with Stores of all Sorts of Provisions and Ammunition, together with Artillery and sufficient Garrisons. A Number of Workmen is employed in the Arsenal here, to fit up Arms and make Carriages for Cannon which are wanting in some Garrisons; and the new Fortifications of Capua and Gaeta are almost finished. Orders are given for casting in our Arsenal, several new Pieces of Cannon to supply the Room of those which have been taken out of the Castles here, and sent to divers Places on the Coast where Batteries have been erected. The German Garrison which was at Pizzofalcone, is withdrawn from thence and put into Castelluovo here. The Presidents of the Provinces have sent to the Viceroy, the Muster-Rolls of the Militia Forces, commonly called the Battalion of the Kingdom, which are distributed into different Garrisons, or quartered on the Coasts, and the Number amounts to 18000 Foot and 8000 Horse. On the 7th Instant the Viceroy went publickly to the Church del Carmine, a vast Crowd of People attending to see him pass, and with joyful Acclamations expressing their Fidelity to the Emperour.

Madrid, May 23. The King, Queen, and Prince, are in good Health at Balsain, with only a few Officers and Servants of the Court and Household to attend them: Cardinal Alberoni is continually with their Majesties, and during their Residence there Don Miguel Duran has the Care of all Dispatches as Secretary of State. By Letters from Barcelona of the 14th Instant, we have Advice, that the Naval and Military Preparations were carrying on there with all Expedition; that a good Number of Battallions of Foot, with several Regiments of Horse and Dragoons, were going to imbark; that a sufficient Number of Transports was provided for this Service; and that a great Number of heavy Cannon was put on

board, together with other Artillery and great Stores of all Sorts of Ammunition; but that the Time for the Sailing of the Fleet was not yet fixed, nor the Enterprize for which all these Preparations are intended yet known.

Copenhagen, May 28. The British Squadron under the Command of Sir John Norris, arrived here on the 25th Instant in the Morning. That Evening the King of Denmark came hither from Fredericksbourg. The next Day Sir John Norris had Audience of his Majesty, and with the Lord Poiwarth, was in Conference with Admiral Guldenlew and the Danish Ministers. Yesterday and to Day his Danish Majesty has been taking a Review of his Horse and Foot Guards, and of the Regiment of Grenadiers. Our last Advices from Norway left all quiet there, and without Apprehension of any Attempts of the Swedes. The 10 Swedish Men of War which lately came out of Carlscroon, are all retired into that Port again. Admiral Rabe, with 12 Danish Men of War of the Line and two Frigates, had taken his Station off Bornholm, the better to observe the Enemy; but Orders are sent to him to return and join the British Squadron.

Hague, June 7. The King of Great Britain having interposed his good Offices for putting an End to the Difficulties which have so long obstructed the Execution of the Barrier-Treaty, and offered to the Consideration of the States General a Project for that Purpose, their High Mightinesses passed a Resolution the 27th of May, conformable to His Britannick Majesty's Sentiments and Advice; which Resolution being delivered by their High Mightinesses to the Earl of Cadogan, his Excellency went to Antwerp on the 28th, and having conferred with the Marquess de Prié on the Subject of the said Resolution, the Marquess complied with what was therein demanded, in such Manner as 'tis not doubted will be to the intire Satisfaction of the States General. The Earl of Cadogan returning hither on the 2d Instant, his Excellency and Mr. Whitworth had a Conference with the Deputies of this State, and having communicated to them what had been transacted at Antwerp, those Deputies appeared extremely sensible of the great Obligations the State is under to His Britannick Majesty for his friendly Offices in this Affair. The States of Holland re-assembled on the 1st Instant, and on the 4th adjourned to the 15th of this Month. The

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