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Madrid, October 10.

ON the 3d Instant, the Day the Court removed to Balsain, the Marquess de Nancré, Ambassadour of France, returned hither from the Escorial; where he had signified, that not having succeeded in his Negotiation, he designed to set out for France on the 8th Instant, and therefore desired an Audience of Leave of the King. Cardinal Alberoni urged him to stay 10 or 12 Days longer, telling him that the Court would then return to the Escorial, and he might receive the King's positive Resolution on the Propositions he had made. Accordingly the Marquess was persuaded to stay; and on the 5th he dispatched a Courier to Paris with an Account of his Proceedings. On the 4th Instant towards the Evening, the British Envoy Collonel Stanhope's Master of the Horse, who is a Portuguese, passing over the Square of San Domingo on Horseback followed by a Servant in the Envoy's Livery, was stopped by four Officers of the Inquisition, upon Pretence that he was bred a Papist and had turned Protestant. But he broke from them, and fled. They fired a Carbine at him as he rode off, but missed him: The Horse happening to slip lamed himself, but the Portuguese quitting him ran to the Envoy's House and got in safe. This being an outrageous Violation of the Rights of Nations, Collonel Stanhope found himself obliged to make Complaint of it to the King; to which no Answer has been yet returned: But Cardinal Alberoni has written a Letter to the Tribunal of the Inquisition, in which he very much disapproves this Proceeding; and the President of that Tribunal has declared that it was done without his Knowledge or Participation. We have had no News for several Days past from Sicily, nor of the Imbarkation at Barcelona; from which last Place 'tis advised, that a small Bark, which the Commissaries for Victualling had sent to Sardinia with 10000 Pieces of Eight in Specie, had been taken. We have no particular Account of the Biscayners who are in Arms, nor whether the Troops sent against them have joined in a Body: But 'tis said, that a Courier who was dispatched four Days ago, carried Instructions for using first all gentle Means to quiet those Commotions.

Berne, Oct. 19. The two Cantons of Zurich and Berne having written lately to the rest of the 11 Cantons, to acquaint them with the Conclusion and Ratification of the Treaty of Baden, and with the entire Pacification of all Differences between them and the Abbot of St. Gall, have received Letters of Congratulation from the said Cantons upon that Occasion; as they have done likewise from the French Ambassadour the Marquess d'Avairey, in answer to one they wrote to him some Time ago on the same Account. By Virtue of the Resolution taken lately by the Sovereign Council here, all the Anabaptists who were confined here upon their Return into this Canton, from whence they were banished some Years ago, have been set at Liberty except three or four of their Teachers, who having already been twice banished before, and seeming even now averse to make a solemn Promise never to return into this Country, are kept in Prison at the Expence of this State. M. Rudolph, Dean or Head of the Clergy of this Canton of Berne, a Person of great Learning, and who had distinguished himself by his Writings, died here lately in an advanced Age. Another is to be chosen in his Room as soon as the Councils meet again.

Copenhagen, Oct. 18. The Queenbrough, a British Frigate, Captain Farley Commander, one of the Convoys of the British Merchant Ships, is come in hither from the Baltick. Most of the Trade for Britain, with another of the Convoys, are passed by to Elsinore. Some of the Dutch are now passing by to Elsinore. The rest of the Merchant-Men of both Nations, are hourly expected: As is also Sir John Norris with the British Squadron from Bornholm. Three Mails are at this Time wanting from Norway; and since the Arrival about 10 Days ago of the Express which brought Advice of the Irruption of the Swedes into the Province of Drontheim, we have not had any News from that Kingdom. A Number of Transports with four Battallions, designed to reinforce the Danish Army in that Country, sailed from hence three Days ago, under Convoy of two Men of War; but they were forced to put into Elsinore, and are detained there by contrary Winds. The Physicians of the Court, and some of those of the City, with the Physick Professors of our Academ' met on the 13th Instant by the King's Order;