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*Grodno, October 16.*

**T**HE General Dyet of this Kingdom continues to meet daily. Their Marshal on the 13th Instant acquainted them, that the King being informed that Prince Dolhorucki, the Czar's Ambassadour, had used certain Expressions in the Hearing of Persons of Credit, which might give Occasion to a Breach of the Confidence between his Majesty and his Subjects, he desired the Deputies would send some of their Body to the said Ambassadour, to be more fully informed of his Meaning, the better understanding of which might destroy all Ground of Jealousy on this Account. Accordingly they deputed six of their Number, to whom the King joined from among the Senators, Prince Wilnowski Palatine of Cracow, the Sieur Leczinski Palatine of Kalisz, and the Sieur Oginsky Palatine of Trock. Yesterday the Senators began to give their Opinions upon the several Matters before them: The Primate opened the Debate, whose Speech contained strong Expressions of Duty and Zeal for the King. He proposed, among other things, to maintain and support the Resolutions of the late Dyet held at Warsaw, and the Treaty then made, as being the Foundation of the present Settlement and Tranquility of the Republick; to make all possible Instances to the Czar, that he withdraw his Troops out of the Dominions of Poland, and to desire Foreign Princes in Alliance with this Crown, to join in those Instances, but to resolve that if they proved ineffectual, the Nobility shall take Arms to oblige the Muscovites to retire; to require the Ottoman Porte to perform several Matters to which it is engaged, particularly the Demolition of Choczim; to redeem Elbing and other Places mortgaged to the King of Prussia; to assert the Right of the Republick of Poland to the Dutchy of Courland, which in Case of Failure of Male Heirs of that Duke, is to be re-united to its Dominions; and to make some Regulations for preventing the Increase of the Numbers of Jews and Protestants in these Parts. Several Bishops spoke afterwards, who in the main concurred in Opinion with the Primate: And then the Dyet adjourned to the 17th.

*Leghorne, Oct. 21.* Five British Merchant Ships arrived here this Day from Messina. They were chased by a small Spanish Privateer from Palermo, which coming up with a British Merchant-Man that was in their Company, was suffered to board her, she having a Pass from the Spanish Intendant Sig. Patino; but the Privateer, without any Regard to the said Pass, made Prize of her.

*Madrid, Oct. 31.* The Marquis de Nancre returned hither the 22d Instant, from the Escorial, and is preparing for his Journey hence to Paris. Orders are sent to all the Ports of this Kingdom for the fitting out of Privateers to cruize upon the British Merchant Ships;

and by two Advice Boats which sailed from Cadiz the 11th Instant for Peru and New Spain, Directions were sent to the Governours of those Provinces to seize the Effects belonging to the Subjects of Great Britain, particularly those of the Assiento Company. General Serrano, who commanded the last Flota that came from New Spain, is banished to Ceuta, for neglecting to comply with the Instructions that had been given him not to suffer any Gold or Silver to be put on board that was not registred. An Express arrived last Week from Rome with Letters from Cardinal Aquaviva; it is said he brought likewise a Brief from the Pope to stop the Payment of the Tenths of the Revenues of the Clergy, which our Court obtained of him for a certain Term, on Pretence of making use of the Money towards carrying on the War against the Turks, but that this Brief is suppressed. The Council of Castile have under Consideration the appointing a Form for the Confirmation of Bishops to be nominated by the King, without applying to the Pope for his Bulls, and confirmed by the Archbishop of Toledo, pursuant to the Resolutions of a Council held at Toledo in the 7th Century, which were afterwards set aside by a Concordatum between the See of Rome and the Crown of Spain. The Country being visited with an excessive Drought, the Image of our Lady of Atocha has been carried about in Procession, and exposed in the Church of the Royal bare-footed Friars, whither the Magistrates and the several Religious Orders have repaired with great Solemnity to pray for Rain.

*Paris, Nov. 16.* M. Hop, Ambassadour of the States General, had a private Audience of the King the 11th Instant. The Council of the Regency, which had been adjourned for some Time, met the 12th and the two Days following. Two Orders of the Council of State have lately been published, one for putting the new West-India Company in Possession of the general Farm or Monopoly of Tobacco, which is granted to them for nine Years, commencing from the first Day of October last past; from which Time all Persons are forbid to sell any Tobacco or Snuff, otherwise than with the Company's Allowance, and in Parcels marked with their Stamp or Seal, on Pain of forfeiting the same, and paying besides a Fine of 6000 Livres; and all Magistrates whom it may concern are required to be aiding and assisting to the said Company in their enjoying the full Effect of this Grant: The other Order sets forth, that the King having by an Order of the 21st of August 1717, directed that no more Duty should be paid for Sea Coal imported from Great Britain or Ireland, than eight Pence for each Barrel weighing 250 Pounds, which Order was to be in Force till the first Day of last October, his Majesty has thought fit to continue the same till the last