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Lisbon, April 21.

THE Ships that were fitted out for the Portugueze Indies failed a Week ago, and carried with them a new Viceroy for those Parts, Don Francisco Joseph de Sampayo de Mello, in the Room of the Count d'Ericeyra's Son, who has obtained Leave to return home. Here, as well as in Spain, the long Continuance of dry Weather threatens the Country with great Scarcity of Corn; and unless the Rains which we have had for two or three Days past are followed by more violent ones, there will be a great Demand of Corn from foreign Parts.

Berne, April 24. Upon the Death of M. Steiguer, a Senator or Member of the Little Council of this Republick, the Sovereign Council of Two Hundred assembled on the 18th Instant to fill up that Vacancy, which was done accordingly in the Person of M. Berfell an ancient Bailiff of this Canton. The Marquess D'Avarey, his most Christian Majesty's Ambassadour in this Country, having obtained Leave from his Court to make a Turn to Paris upon his private Concerns, set out last Week for that Place; before his Departure his Excellency wrote to this State to acquaint them with his intended Journey, and that during his Absence, which would be short, M. de la Martiniere Secretary of the Embassy would take Care of such Matters as should relate to the Interests of the King his Master. Here are Letters from Berlin which advise, that his Prussian Majesty has named M. Froment, a French Collonel of Horse in his Service, to succeed M. de Lubieres, deceased, in the Government of Neufchatel, his Majesty having promoted him besides to the Rank of Major General.

Paris, May 1. The Princess of Modena was to proceed on her Journey for Italy from Lyons the 29th past. This Morning the Abbot le Blanc, Brother of M. le Blanc Secretary of State for Military Affairs, was consecrated Bishop of Avranches in the Church of the Hospital des Invalides, by M. de Bezons Archbishop of Rouen his Uncle, assisted by two other Bishops, with great Pomp. There was afterwards a magnificent Entertainment in the Hall of the said Hospital, for divers Prelates, Dukes, Marshals of France, the Secretaries of State, and other Persons of Distinction of both Sexes. The Officers of that Hospital were likewise treated, as were also the private Soldiers, which latter had besides a Crown given to each of them. The Expence of this Ceremony and Entertainment is said to amount to above 100000 Livres. On the 6th Instant the Regiments of French and Swiss Guards are to pass in Review before the King. An Arrêt of the King's Council of State was published the 26th past, which sets forth, that whereas the taking off, by the Arrêt of the 13th of March, of two Thirds of the Duties upon Cattle imported into this Kingdom, has begun to have a good Effect; and whereas the intire Suppression of the said Duties, together with an absolute Prohibition to send any Cattle out of the Kingdom, cannot but speedily lessen the Price of Meat; his Majesty orders, that from the Day of the Publication of this Arrêt to the End of March 1721, all Duties on Cattle shall be suppressed, and none shall be sent out of the Kingdom, or attempted to be sent out, on the Penalty of Confiscation and of a Fine of One Thousand Livres. The Beginning of last Month an Edict for reducing the Interest of Money to two per Cent. was sent to the Parliament