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Madrid, October 14.

HIS Catholick Majesty continues at Balsain, where he will remain till the 24th of this Month. On the 11th Instant the Marquess de Maulevrier, the French Minister who lately arrived here, went to Balsain in order to have his first Audience. Don Lewis da Cunha, one of the King of Portugal's Plenipotentiaries for the Congress appointed to be held at Cambray, set out from hence on his Way thither two Days ago, accompanied by several Gentlemen of his Nation. By Letters from Cadiz and Malaga, which came in to Day, it is advised, that all the remaining Transports with the rest of the Forces now in Andalousia, would be ready to sail for Africa by the 18th Instant: Three Genouese Ships of 60 Guns each, two of which were bought and the other hired, are to be their Convoy. Two Battallions of the Guards, and three Regiments of Foot which came from Sardinia, are ordered to begin their March from hence on the 16th Instant for Cadiz, in order to serve in the Expedition on Africa, in which 61 Battallions and 80 Squadrons are to be employed.

Paris, Oct. 30. Some Days ago an Arrêt was published, which forbids, on Pain of Death, the bringing into this Kingdom, selling, or buying, any India, China, or Turkey Silks, Stuffs, or Callicoets, as likewise any Stuffs or Silks made at Marseilles, old as well as new, in whatever Form or Fashion they may be made; and it forbids under the same Penalty, all Brokers, Taylors, Upholsterers, or other Workmen, to make up in private Houses, or to keep in their own Warehouses, Shops, or Chambers, any of the said Goods, or any Cloaths, or Furniture, old or new, of the same. The particular Reason given by the Arrêt for this severe Prohibition, is, That great Quantities of the said Goods have been sold very cheap at Marseilles, and the

Infection which rages there might by the dispersing of them be spread all over the Kingdom. On Saturday last an Arrêt was published, enjoining those who bought Actions of the India Company at its first Establishment, and are supposed to have made great Gains by selling them at a high Rate, to re-purchase the like Number, and deposit them into the Hands of that Company for three Years to come, during which time they will be paid the Dividend, but not have the Liberty of selling them. A List is accordingly to be drawn up by the Council, and in order to distinguish those who have kept their Actions, and are for that Reason not to be comprehended in the said Lists, from those who have parted with them, the former are directed to deliver in their Actions within eight Days, which are to be returned to them the 15th of next Month sealed with a new Seal, in order to dispose of them as they think fit. Another Arrêt has been published, whereby the Exchange at the Hotel de Soissons is ordered to be shut up, and 60 Agents are appointed by the King, at whose Offices the Negotiation of Papers is to be carried on for the future, it being strictly prohibited under Pain of Imprisonment to Stock-job at any other Place. Messieurs Paris, four Brothers, who were formerly interested in the general Farms, and who in the Month of July last were banished to Dauphiné, have got Leave to remove nearer to this City; and it is believed they will soon return hither in order to be employed again. The Count de St. Iltevan, first Plenipotentiary of Spain at the ensuing Congress at Cambray, is gone from hence; he will stay some where in the Neighbourhood of that Place till other Plenipotentiaries are arrived there. Mr. Moleworth set out on Sunday last for Turin, by the Way of Strasburg. Mr. Manning, the British Resident in Swisserland, arrived here some Days ago in order to go to England,