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*Madrid, April 14.*

ON the 4th Instant arrived a Courier, who was dispatched from Rome by Cardinal Acquaviva the 18th of March, with an Account, that the Pope had that Day granted an Addition of 500000 Ducats to the Subsidy of a Million and Half which he had before consented to let his Catholick Majesty collect of the Clergy in the Indies, towards the Charge of the War against the Infidels. On the 6th arrived another Express with the News of the Pope's Death; upon which the King commanded Cardinal Borgia to hasten to Barcelona to embark there for Italy on a Ship which is getting ready to sail for Portolongone, in order to assist at Rome in the Conclave for electing a new Pope: Like Orders have been dispatched to Cardinal Belluga, who went lately to his Bishoprick of Murcia: And a Sum of Money is directed to be issued to both these Cardinals on this Occasion. The Abbot Portocarrero is to accompany them.

*Turin, April 19 N. S.* On the 14th Instant the Marquess of Villa-clara, who has been some Time here, as Deputy from the Inhabitants of the Island of Sardinia, to pay their Obedience to the King, had his publick Audience of his Majesty, being accompanied by several of the Nobility, with a very splendid Equipage, and a numerous Train of Servants: The next Day he had his Audience of Leave, and will shortly set out on his Return to Sardinia.

*Paris, April 30.* The Dutchess Dowager of Orleans is gone from hence to reside at St. Cloud during the Summer Season; but comes once a Week to Town, according to her Custom, to see the King and the Duke Regent. On the 19th Instant, the Turkish Ambassadour made a Visit to the Marshal de Villeroy, who received him with great Marks of Distinction; and while they were together the King entered, without giving any Notice of his coming, to

avoid all Ceremony: The Ambassadour at his Return to his Hôtel, was entertained with a Concert of Musick by the King's Order: He is constantly attended by two of the King's Coaches with six Horses each, and a Guard of an Officer, and six Horsemen of the Marechaussée. The yearly Pension of 20000 Crowns allowed to the late M. de Chamillart, is now given one Half to his Widow, and the rest to some of his Relations. The Council of the Regency have had some Time under Consideration the Reduction of the Forces: Which Affair is not yet settled, the Council being said to be much divided, as to the Number of Men to be broke of each Troop and Company, and likewise as to the continuing or taking off the Penny which was added to each Soldiers daily Pay in the Beginning of the Regency, and was deducted out of the Officers Allowances. This Matter will however soon be regulated, the Inspectors of the Army having been directed to review the Troops the first of June, in order to put in Execution the Reform which will be signified to them before that Time. The Deputies of the Province of Artois had an Audience of the King the 27th, being introduced by the Duke d'Elbeuf Governour of that Province, and by M. de la Vrilliere Secretary of State, and conducted by M. de Grange Master of the Ceremonies. The Duke of Bourbon not having entirely recovered his Strength since his late Indisposition, the King has dispensed with his going to Dijon to preside at the Assembly of the States of Burgundy, and has given him Leave to send thither the Count de Tavannes to represent his Highness, who still designs to follow him in a Fortnights time, if his Health will permit. An Arrêt was published Yesterday to stop Payment of all the Arrears of the Annuities at the Town-House, until the Contracts for such Annuities shall be verified by the Commissioners appointed for examining all the Paper-Effects. M d'Argenson Keeper of the Seals, is dangerously ill. The Marquess de Mezière