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ON the 10th Instant the Court being at Balsain received the agreeable News, that the Marriage of the Prince of Asturias with Mademoiselle de Montpensier, fourth Daughter of the Duke of Orleans, had been declared at Paris. Their Catholick Majesties were complimented upon it by the chief Persons of the Court, and that Night there was a Ball there: The next Day these Majesties went to Segovia, where in the Church of our Lady of Fuencilla, Te Deum was sung; and Illuminations with other publick Demonstrations of Joy were made in this City three Nights successively on this Occasion. His Catholick Majesty has since nominated the Officers of the Household for the Prince of Asturias, and his Consort; those for the former are, the Duke of Popoli, the Conde de Altamira, the Conde de Santistevan, the Duke of Gandia, the Marquess de los Balbaces, the Marquess del Surco, the Conde de Safateli, and the Conde de Arenales; for the latter, the Marquess de Valero now Viceroy of Mexico, the Marquess de Castel-Rodrigo, Don Juan Pizarro de Aragon Son of the Marquess de San Juan, the Conde de Anguifola, the Dutchess of Montellano, the Dutchess of Liria, the Marchioness de Torrecuso, and the Marchioness de Afentar, and for her Confessor Father Ignatius Laubrusel a Jesuite. His Majesty has also nominated the Marquess of Santa Cruz, to conduct the Queen of France to the Frontier and to receive there Mademoiselle de Montpensier; and he is to have the Direction of their respective Households going and coming. On the 10th died Don Miguel Fernandez Duran, Marquess of Tolosa, in the 40th Year of his Age: He had been for some Years Secretary of State, and at War of the Marine, and of the Council of the Indies, and was lately made one of the Council of the Indies. The King having been informed, that an Agent of the Duke of St. Simon was hiring a House for him in this City, was pleased to signify to him that he would give Order for fitting up Apartments for the Duke in the Palace of Buen-Retiro. The Marquess de Grimaldo, Secretary of State, has, with his Catholick Majesty's Permission, received from the Minister of France, the most Christian King's Picture, set with Diamonds to a great Value. The Chamber of Commerce of Andaloufia, has made a free Gift to the King of 30000 Pistoles, in Acknowledgment

of his Favour in allowing those who were interested in the Plate brought by the last Flota from New-Spain, to receive it from on board directly, without its being first sent to the Mint.

Paris, Nov. 12. Mademoiselle de Montpensier's Departure for Spain is fixed to the 17th Instant; She will be 38 Days on the Road from hence to Bayonne, where the Infanta of Spain will arrive about the same Day. The Prince of Rohan is named to conduct that Princess to the Frontiers of Spain, and to receive the Infanta there: These two Princesses are to be carried in Chairs, where the Roads are bad. The 10th Instant the Dutchess of Vantadour, together with the Princess Soubize, and the rest of the Ladies that are to go to meet the Infanta, went to the King to receive his Majesty's Commands; and on the 16th Instant Mademoiselle de Montpensier will take her Leave of the King at the Tuilleries, and soon after his Majesty will return her the Visit at the Palais Royal, and wish her a good Journey. The Duke d'Osuna is removed to the Hôtel of Ambassadours, where he will continue during his Stay here. His publick Audience is put off till To-Morrow. It seems the Difficulties the Court of Spain had started, on Account of the Duke of St. Simon's Retinue following him into Spain, because of the Apprehension of the Plague, are removed; and all Persons that attended the said Duke have been allowed to follow him, together with all his Equipage. The Marquess de la Farre set out Yesterday Morning for Spain on the Part of the Duke Regent. The Plague has broke out at Alais in Languedoc; that Place has been since blocked up by a sufficient Number of Troops. The Marquess de Brancas is to set out this Week, to take upon him the Command of the Troops in the Comtat. Orders are sent into all the Provinces to prohibit the Transportation of all sorts of Merchandizes into such Countries as have interrupted Commerce with France on Account of the Plague. The Marshal Berwick has also caused an Ordonnance to be published, prohibiting the Transportation of the Corn of Languedoc into any of the neighbouring Provinces, upon the Penalty of a Fine of 1000 Livres. Circular Letters have been sent by the Government to all the Counsellours of the Parliament of Paris, summoning them to be in Town on the 19th Instant, in order to deliberate upon Matters of great Importance which will then be laid before them.