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Madrid, October 27.

THE 25th Instant being the Queen of Spain's Birth-Day, when she entered into the 30th Year of her Age, there was a very numerous and splendid Appearance of the Nobility at the Escorial, to make their Compliments on that Occasion. The Court is expected here very shortly, by that Time the Duke of St. Simon is ready to make his publick Entry into this City. Till his Arrival the Day of the Infanta Queen of France's setting out on her Journey, seems to be unfixed: Their Catholick Majesties design to accompany her as far as Burgos: In the mean while all the necessary Preparations are making for the Journey. Mr. Stanhope, His Britannick Majesty's Ambassadour, will accompany their Catholick Majesties to Burgos; their Majesties having intimated to his Excellency, that his taking that Journey with them would be very acceptable to them. On the 24th Instant, Prince Pio arrived here from Barcelona, and the next Day repaired to the Court at the Escorial; where the Duke of Giovenazzo is also arrived from his Government of Casille. We have Advice by an Express from Pampelona, that the Prince of Castillon Viceroy of Navarre, is dead there after three Days Sickness. The Marquess de Ledesma is gone back to Caralonia, to compleat the Reform of the Troops quartered in that Principality; the Government of which will it is believed be conferred upon him in the Room of Prince Pio. The King and Queen have made a Present, each of their Pictures, set in Diamonds to a great Value, to the Marquess de Maulevrier the French Minister, in Consideration of the Marriages agreed between the two Royal Families.

Paris, Nov. 19. On the 16th Instant at Three a-Clock in the Afternoon, the Dutchess Dowager of Orleans, accompanied by the Duke Regent, the Dutchess of Orleans, the Duke of Chartres, Mademoiselle de Montpensier, and Mesdemoiselles de Beaujolais, and of Chartres, went to the Palace of the Tuilleries, in order to sign in the King's Presence, the Contract of Marriage between Mademoiselle her Grand-Daughter and the Prince of Asturias; And the two Spanish Ambassadors being likewise come to the Tuilleries, with the same Ceremonies as were observed at the Duke d'Osuna's publick Audience; the Cardinal du Bois required M. de Maurepas, Secretary of State, to read the Articles of the said Contract; Which being done, his Majesty signed them on one side, and under him all the Princes and Princesses of the Blood, and on the other side the two Spanish Ambassadors. There was on that Occasion a very numerous Court, and almost all the foreign Ministers were present. About Five a-Clock in the Afternoon the Dutchess Dowager of Orleans being returned to the Palais Royal with her Grand-Daughters, the King went thither to visit her Royal Highness, and Mademoiselle de Montpensier, and his Majesty, with all the Princes and Princesses of the Blood, went to the Opera of Phaeton; after which his Majesty returned to the Tuilleries, and about Ten a-Clock at Night came back to the Palais Royal to the Ball, where his Majesty danced with all the Princesses of the Blood, and retired about Midnight; after which all the Masks were let in, and the Ball

lasted till Six a-Clock in the Morning. On the 18th in the Morning Mademoiselle de Montpensier set out for Spain, accompanied by the Duke Regent and the Duke of Chartres, who came back at Night, and by Mademoiselle de Ventadour, the Princess of Soubize, the Princess of Rohan, Marchioness of Chiverney, Mesdames de la Lande and de Villefort, and the rest of the Ladies who are appointed to receive the Infanta upon the Frontiers of Spain. The Spanish Ambassadour went likewise to accompany that Princess some Leagues out of Town. A Detachment of 50 Life Guards attend her upon the Road, commanded by M. de Billardie Lieutenant, and several other Officers; together with a Guard of 12 Swiss and some other Officers of the King's Household. A Council has been held lately on Account of considerable Quantities of Merchandize lying at Marseilles and in other Cities in Provence where the Plague has been; and it has been resolved to cause them to be transported without unpacking, to the Islands of Iff situate over-against Marseilles, in order to be aired there; and Sheds are ordered to be built to shelter them from the Rain.

Whitehall, Nov. 11. 1721.

The House of Commons of Ireland having by their Address this Session, bearing Date the 28th of October last, represented to his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom, the great Necessity there is, during the present Infestation abroad, for the immediate Attendance of all Military Officers who are upon the Establishment of Ireland, and are now out of the said Kingdom; This is therefore to give Notice to all such Military Officers, That it is His Majesty's Pleasure, they do immediately repair to their respective Posts in Ireland, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril, such only excepted as shall have obtained His Majesty's special Licence of Absence.

CARTERET.

South-Sea House, Nov. 10, 1721.

Whereas by a late Act of Parliament the Estates Real and Personal of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company, and others, are vested in Trustees for the Uses in the said Act mentioned, the said Trustees, in order that Persons concerned may avoid the Penalties contained in the said Act, and may know the Rewards they are to receive for the Discoveries by them to be made, have thought fit to Advertise, that (among other things) it is by the said Act enacted, That all Persons having any Debt contracted before the 5th of January 1720, justly due to them from the said late Directors and others, or having any particular Estate in Law or Equity out of the Estates vested in the said Trustees, under any Conveyance made before the said 5th of January, may in such manner as the said Act directs, enter their Claims before the said Trustees at their Publick Office, any time before the 25th of December next, and that in default thereof every such Debt, Estate, &c. shall be null and void: And that it is also enacted, That every Person being indebted to the said late Directors, &c. shall on or before the 25th of December next, give Notice thereof to the said Trustees at their Publick Office, or that there is some Account depending between them, on pain of forfeiting the Value of the Money due; And that every Person having in his Power, or Custody, any Goods or Chattels which belonged to any of the said late Directors, &c. shall give Notice thereof in Writing, upon pain of like Forfeiture: And that all Tenants under the said