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Madrid, November 24. N the 19th Instant the Count de las Torres caused a new Opera to be per-formed at his own Expence, for the Entertainment of the King and Queen, in the Amphitheatre at the Buen Retiro; which Opera is to be performed again on the Arrival of the Princels of Afturias, and afterwards will be brought upon the publick Stage here. The same Evening, before the Opera began, the Ladies of the Court kissed the Queen's Hand, that being the Saint's Day whose Name her Majesty bears; on which Occasion the Mourning for the late Dutchess of Tuscany was laid aside that Day. The Council of the Indies is directed to cause an Advice-Ship to be dispatched by the 20th of next Month from Cadiz for Vera Cruz; which Ship is to carry Notice that the Flota for New Spain will be dispatched early next Spring. It is advised from Cadiz, that several Bales of French Goods brought in thither by Dutch Ships had been publickly burnt, notwithstanding the Merchants to whom they were configned, would have perswaded the Magistrates that they had been manufactured within the Dominions of the States General, but had counterfeit Seals or Marke affixed to them, as if they had been wrought in France. On the 21st the Duke of St. Simon arrived here; the next Day he had a private Audience of their Catholick Majesties; and To-Morrow he is to have his publick Audience. Their Catholick Majesties, with those of their Court whom they have nominated to attend them, designed to have gone to Burgos with the Infanta on her Way to France; but upon Advice that the Small-Pox is at this time very rife there, they now resolve to go to Lerma, a Place belonging to the Duke del Infantado, five Leagues short of Burgos; and the Day of

their Departure is fixed to the 27th Instant.

Paris, Dec. 13. The Extract of the Advices relating to the Plague received by the Court from the Gevaudan, and communicated to the foreign Ministers, is as follows.

The Duke de Roquelaure writes the 24th of November, that he had Advice from M. la

Deveze of the 14th and 19th, that the Upper Gevaudan is in a good State of Health. He had caused a Tailour an Inhabitant of Mende who had escaped from thence to be shot dead. In Ville Rouffet none bad fallen ill within 40 Days past, nor at Chapginiez within 55. In St. Latyer de Peyre 145 Persons had died. Richiniac, Valendo, and Chabalier had not bad any Inhabitanta taken fick in several Days. Of the 120 Inhabitants of Chabalier, 25, were dead. At Mende two died on the 13th, one the 16th, four the 17th, and none from thence to the 19th. The five Villages or Hamlets in the Neighbourhood of Mende, which were infected, are well again. Distemper has intirely ceased at Montrodat. Grifes in the Neighbourhood of Marvejols is much in the fame Condition it was at Marvejols one died on the 13th, three on the 14th, none on the 15th, 16th and 17th. The Sickness has ceased in the three Hamlets of the Parish of Allier, as also in those within the Neighbourhood of la Canourgue; and of Causse towards Rouergue, one Village of six Houles excepted in the Parish of St. George where are some sick and the Place is well blocked up. At Nucjols a Man died three Weeks ago, and a Girl on the 16th of November. There are 172 Parishes of the Diocess of Mende, which have not been at all infected. La Canourgue will be difinfec-ted the 20th. For eight Days past no Per-son has died or fallen ill at St. Paul la Coste. On the 17th eight Persons died at Alais in the Infirmary in the Suburbs: On the 18th a Man and a Child died there; on the 19th and 20th none died or fell fick either in the Town of in the Suburbs, or in the Houses of Quaran-

The Prince of Roban fee Paris, Dec. 17. out Post the 12th Instant to overtake Mademoiselle de Montpensier, who was to arrive the t4th at Bourdeaux, where she will rest some Days. Mademoiselle de Vantadour has wrote a Letter to the King from Poictiers to acquaint his Majesty that the faid Princels and all her Retinue were in perfect Health : The Infanta of Spain will arrive about the 9th of next Month