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Madrid, November 27, N. S.

ON the 25th Instant in the Morning their Catholick Majesties with the Infantes went to the Church of St. Jerome at the Buen-Retiro, where was performed the Ceremony of Swearing the Infante Don Ferdinand Prince of Asturias; which was done after a solemn Mass had been performed: The Herald at Arms called up to the Altar the Infante Don Carlos to take the Oaths, which he did by swearing upon the Gospels before Cardinal Borja, and afterwards he took the Oaths of Homage before the King; the Infante Don Philip was excused from that Ceremony, by reason of his tender Age. Then the eight Bishops, who came to Town upon Account of this Ceremony, were called up; they swore upon the Gospels before the said Cardinal, and took the Oaths of Homage before the Duke de Escalona, Lord High Steward, whom his Majesty had deputed for that Purpose; after which the said Bishops kissed first the Prince's Hand, and then the King and Queen's; after them followed the Grandees of Spain, the Deputies of the Provinces and Cities who have Right to sit in the Cortes, and the Officers of the Crown, who all took the Oaths in the aforesaid Manner. The same Evening there were Fireworks in the Palace-Yard, and their Catholick Majesties, the Infantes and most of the Nobility, were in the Balconies of the Palace to see them let off. Yesterday in the Afternoon their Catholick Majesties, with the Infantes and many of the Nobility went in great State to the Church of our Lady de Atocha, where the Te Deum was sung, and at their Return to the Palace there were Fireworks let off; the same likewise was repeated this Evening. The Court has been out of Mourning these three Days, upon Account of the said Ceremony of Swearing the Infante Don Ferdinand Prince of Asturias, and every body appeared dressed according to the Regulation some time since published, forbidding the wearing any sort of Gold or Silver upon their Clothes. His Catholick Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Duke of Gandia and the Marqueis de los Balbases Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Prince of Asturias, they having had the same Honour under the late King Lewis. Letters from Cadiz of the 21st Instant advise, that Captain Bowler, Commander of His Britannick

Majesty's Ship the Argyle, had put in there from Newfoundland, and was soon to proceed directly for England. The same Letters add, that the Oneto, one of the Spanish Men of War which sailed out of that Port the 15th Instant in order to go to the West-Indies to cruize against the Pyrates, had been forced back thither by contrary Winds, and that she was in a very bad Condition, being leaky and disabled from proceeding on her Voyage: The Brandon which set sail with the Oneto, was believed to be lost, she not being returned.

Paris, Dec. 4, N. S. On the 27th of last Month the Infanta Queen left Fontainebleau, and came the same Day to Versailles. On the 2d Instant in the Evening the King returned to Versailles from Fontainebleau.

Custom-House, London, Dec. 2, 1724.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby give Notice, that they shall be willing to treat with such Anchor-Smiths, on Tuesday the 15th Instant, as shall be desirous to furnish Anchors from about Five to Two Hundred Weight, for some Sloops now building for the Service of that Revenue, to be made of two Thirds of the best Spanish, and one Third of the best Swedish Iron. And any Person or Persons may, on or before the 15th Day of this Month of December, send or deliver Proposals for furnishing the same, sealed up, to the said Commissioners, at their Office in Fenchurch-street.

Advertisements.

WHEREAS the Goldsmiths Company have lately received an Anonymous Letter, offering to make Discovery of some Persons who counterfeit the Marks of the said Company on Plate: The Wardens of the said Company do hereby promise, that if the Person who wrote the said Letter will make such Discovery, he shall, on Conviction of any of the Offenders, be very well rewarded.

THIS is to give Notice, that all the Creditors of John Stainer, deceased, do, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, come before Thomas Bennett, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, and prove their Debts on or before the first Day of next Term, otherwise they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

WHEREAS there is a Cause depending in the High Court of Chancery, wherein the Right Honourable the Lord Lechmere is Plaintiff, against William Gower, Sen. and William Gower, Jun. and others, Defendants: This is to give Notice, that the Creditors of the said William Gower, Sen. and John Gower, deceased, are to come before Robert Hul-

ford,