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Madrid, February 1.

ON the 16th past their Catholick Majesties, with the Royal Family, and the Court, arrived at Badajoz; much fatigued with the bad Weather, which had scarce ever ceased from the Time they left this Place, and made the Roads, notwithstanding all the Precautions taken, almost impracticable. The Exchange of the Princesses was to have been performed, by mutual Agreement of the Courts of Spain and Portugal, the next Day. The 17th the King being informed that the King and Queen of Portugal, the Princess of Asturias, the Prince of Brasil, and the Infantes of Portugal arrived the Night before at Elvas, three Leagues from Badajoz, sent thither at Eight in the Morning the Duke of Solferino to compliment them; and two Hours after, the Conde de Montijo a Grandee of Spain, carried the Present to the Princess of Asturias. About the same Time, the King of Portugal sent to Badajoz the Marquess de Alegrete to make a Compliment to their Catholick Majesties and Royal Family; and about Four in the Afternoon the Marquess de Calcaes arrived there with the Present for the Princess of Brazil. The same Day the Marquess de Abrantes came thither from the King of Portugal, to desire that the Ceremony of the Exchange of the Princesses might be delayed till the 18th, because his Court was not in Readiness. Whereupon the King of Spain fixed the 19th for that Ceremony. On the 19th every Thing being prepared on both Sides, the two Courts met at about Four in the Afternoon, at a House built for this Purpose upon the little River Caya, which separates the two Kingdoms, the said House consisting of two Antichambers and a Salon in the

Middle. The two Kings advanced towards each other, and embraced, with all Marks of Friendship; the Queens did the same; and were followed by the rest of both the Royal Families; after which they retired to their respective Seats, and the Marquess de la Paz and Sig. Mendoza attended with the Marriage Contracts, which were signed by the Kings, Queens, and Princes, reciprocally. The Great Officers and Ladies of Honour on both Sides were presented mutually to the respective Courts, and then they exchanged the Princesses; upon which their Majesties renewed their Embraces and both Courts parted. This Interview and Ceremony was performed with all imaginable Splendor and Magnificence. On the 23d the two Courts had a second, and on the 25th a third and last Interview. The 27th the Court of Spain set out from Badajoz for Seville.

Hague, Feb. 25, N. S. On the 17th Instant in the Evening the Prince of Nassau-Friseland arrived here from Utrecht. The 18th in the Morning he made Visits to the Presidents of the Assembly of the States General, of the Council of State, and of the Chamber of Accompts; and being returned to his House, those three Bodies caused their Compliments to be paid to him by their said Presidents. The same Morning the Prince received the Compliments likewise of all the publick Ministers, and of many Persons of Distinction. On the 22d he received the Compliments of the Body of Nobles of the Province of Holland. On Wednesday last his Highness was entertained by his Excellency the Earl of Chesterfield at Supper and with a Ball, at which appeared the chief Persons of both Sexes here, in very rich Dresses. Count Plejo and his Lady arrived here the same Day from France, and assisted at the said Entertainment: And this Day they are
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