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Naples, December 22.

THE Council of Commerce lately established here, is vested with great Powers, and especially to decide as Judges all Disputes that may relate to Traffick by Sea or Land. They propose to improve the Manufactures now carried on in this Kingdom, and to set up and encourage others. The great Difficulty will be to induce a People accustomed to Sloth and Idleness, to relish Work, tho' for their better Maintenance. A Society is formed for erecting a Printing-house in this Capital: And they propose to begin by printing Missals, Breviaries, and other Books for the Service of the Church, with which we have hitherto been furnished by Foreigners. They will for the present make Use of Letter cast at Florence.

Modena, Dec. 24, N. S. The Duke our Sovereign holds frequent Councils with his Ministers for well regulating the publick Affairs, and particularly for promoting Commerce. By the Marriage of the Hereditary Prince with the young Dutchess of Massa, the two Dominions being become united, the Duke of Modena and the Regent Dutchess of Massa have agreed, and have already set Men to Work, to make a High-Road in the Mountains which separate the Modenesse from the Dutchy of Massa and Carrara. That Work is suspended at present on Account of the bad Weather, but will be renewed in the Beginning of next Spring. This will be of great Advantage, not only to the Dutchies of Modena and Massa, but to great Part of Italy. For, Goods may be brought up hither by Water from Venice, Trieste, and Fiume, and be carried from hence by Land to Carrara on the Coast of the Mediterranean, whence they may be sent by Shipping to Leghorn, Genoa, Naples, Marfeilles, and other Ports; from which Ports Goods may in like Manner be conveyed by Sea to Carrara, and thence by Land hither, and sent from hence by Water to the Ports in the Adriatick.

Vienna, Jan. 13, N. S. Yesterday Morning between Eight and Nine a-Clock, the most Serene Archdutchess Maria Teresa,

Dutchess of Lorrain and Great Dutchess of Tuscany, was safely delivered of a Princess, which at Six in the Evening was baptized with the usual Ceremonies in the Apartment of his Royal Highness her Consort, by Sig. Paolucci, the Pope's Nuncio at this Court, the Emperor and Empress and the Archdutchesses Marianna and Mary Magdalen present, the whole Court being sumptuously dress'd. The young Princess was presented to the Nuncio for Baptism by the Princess of Tuscany Marianna Lodovica Electress Palatine Dowager, and named Maria Carolina Ernestina Antonia Giovanna Josepha.

Hague, Jan. 15. The States of Holland have been assembled since Wednesday last, and have before them the extraordinary Petitions which the Council of State was directed to make for the Augmentation of the Land and Sea Force of this State. It is advised from Vienna, that Count Uhlfeld is nominated to the extraordinary Embassy, which his Imperial Majesty proposes to send next May to the Ottoman Port; and that, in the mean Time, he is to be continued his Imperial Majesty's Ambassador to the States-General.

Admiralty Office, Jan. 10, 1739.

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are hereby pleased to give Notice, that Directions have been sent to the Lieutenants who are employed on or about the River Thames, in procuring Men for his Majesty's Ships which are fitting out, not to impress the Masters of any small Boats, commonly called Peter Boats, employed on the said River in catching Fish for the Supply of the City of London, provided the said Persons are actually Masters of the said Boats, and not Seamen.

J. Burchett.

By the Agents for the Captors of the Spanish Prizes taken and brought to Gibraltar in the Years 1726 and 1727,

Notice is hereby given, That the Officers and Company of his Majesty's Ship the Lyme, will be paid the Proportions of the Prize Saytia, called the Rosario, St. Francisco Xavier, and St. Facintho, taken by the said Ship the 11th Day of June, 1727. And that the Officers and Companies of his Majesty's Ships the Prince Frederick and Yarmouth will be paid their Proportions of the Produce of the Spanish Effects taken out of the St. Michael on the 21st of April, 1727, by the said two Ships, pursuant to his Majesty's Warrant of Privy Seal, dated the 14th Day of December, 1739, on the following Days, viz. The Officers and Company of his Majesty's

