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Naples, March 8, N. S.

BY Order from Court, a Person has been employed to go about among the Bankers and Merchants of this City, to dispose them to concur in the Collection of Money proposed towards the Expences of enlarging and repairing the Mole of this Port, for the better Security of Shipping, and Conveniencies of Commerce: Many Merchants have accordingly given their Subscription; but without a large Supply from the Government 'tis thought this Project cannot be put in Execution, by Reason of the great Expence that will attend it. On the 25th past, an Intimation from the Secretary of State was notified to all such Persons, Subjects of the King, that had Orders of Knight-hood or Titles of Honour conferred on them by the Emperor during his Reign in the two Sicilies, to produce their respective Patents at the Secretary of State's Office, where, upon the Payment of certain Sums of Money, the said Letters Patent are to be renewed as granted from his present Majesty. On the 28th M. Egmond van der Nyenburg, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General at this Court, had his first publick Audience of the King, to whom he presented his Credentials; he was introduced by the Marquess Acquaviva, Introducer of the Foreign Ministers, and afterwards had an Audience of the Queen.

Rome, March 12. On the 27th past a Courier arrived here from Vienna, who brought Credentials from that Court to the Prince of Santa Croce, as Ambassador Extraordinary from the Emperor to the Conclave. On the 3d Instant his Excellency sent accordingly to acquaint the College of Cardinals therewith. The same Day Sig. Erriguez, after having reestablished the Republick of San Marino in its ancient Freedom, repaired thence to his Government of Perugia. The Agent of the said Republick is lately returned to this City, to notify to the College of Cardinals the Republick's Thanks for the Liberty restored to them. On the 28th past died Cardinal Otoboni, in his 73d Year, of a violent Fever. By his Death became vacant the Vice Chancellorship of the See of Rome, the Deanry of the College of Cardinals, and the Protectorship of France. On the 29th, Cardinal John Baptist Altieri was seized with an Apopleckick Fit; the same Day Cardinal Lawrence Altieri his Brother was taken ill of a violent Fever, and both removed from the Conclave to their Palaces. On the 2d Instant Cardinal Lambertini, Archbishop of Bologna, and on the 3d Cardinal Spinola, Vice Legate of Bologna, arrived here to attend the Conclave. On the 7th Cardinal Belluga was taken ill of a Fever, occasioned by a Fit of the Strangury, and was removed from the Conclave to his Palace. This City never enjoyed so much Tranquillity in the Vacancy of the Papal See as at present; all the Precautions taken to prevent Tumults have prov'd so effectual, that every thing passes without the least Distur-

bance. Many Factions however prevail among the Cardinals, so that it is probable the Conclave may last some Time before they come to an Election of a new Pope. The Prince of Santa Croce having received some Days ago a Compliment of Congratulation from the College of Cardinals, upon his being appointed the Emperor's Ambassadour to the Conclave, will make his publick Entry Tomorrow.

Milan, March 16. Preparations are made here for the Reception of the Great Duke of Tuscany, who is expected from Vienna in the Spring. It is said his Royal Highness will pass some Weeks in this City, before he proceeds to Florence. The Rigours of the Winter Season in these Parts have occasioned Distempers, which have carried off a great Number of Persons, especially in the open Country. On the 6th Instant in the Night the fine Theatre at Reggio was by some Accident not yet known set on Fire, and in a few Hours burnt to the Ground. The Cardinals de Rohan and d'Auvergne, have passed through this Place in their Way from France to Rome.

Leghorn, March 18. On the 9th Instant anchored in this Port his Britannick Majesty's Ship, the Pembroke, Captain Lee Commander, with several Merchantmen under her Convoy. On the 13th and 14th Instant, several Skirmishes happened both in the City and at the Mole, between Parties of the Sailors of a Catalan Privateer, and some of the British Merchant Ships in this Port, and those of the Barge of his Majesty's Ship the Pembroke, in which several on both Sides were wounded; and a Catalan Sailor killed: However they were parted, and put into arrest by the Soldiers of this Garrison, and soon after delivered up to their respective Consuls; in Consequence of which the Posts to the Sea Side have been reinforced, and Precautions are taken to prevent farther Disorders.

Florence, March 20. On the 8th Instant two German Officers, Superintendants of the Emperor's Stable, arrived here from Naples in their Return to Vienna, having with Passports purchased in that Kingdom 16 large Houses for the Emperor's Stud. The same Day the Prince d'Elboeuf arrived here from Ambrogiana, whither, after having complimented the Electress Dowager Palatine, he return'd on the 11th. There is an Account from Barga in the Great Duke's Dominions, that an Earthquake, which on the 6th Instant was felt here but slightly, did at that Place ruin 12 Houses, yet only three Persons were killed. The Plan proposed and sent to Vienna by M. de Braitwitz, to establish the Militia on the same Foot as those of the King of Sardinia, is returned and approved by the Great Duke, and is soon to be put in Execution, for which purpose M. Braitwitz proposes shortly to make a Tour about the Country. On the 15th M. Franchini arrived here from Vienna, and on the 19th, after having paid his Duty to the Electress Dow-