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*Leghorn, September 23.*

**O**N the 19th Instant M. de Merville was conducted by M. Capponi the Governor of this Place, attended by the Chancellor of the Custom-house, to the several Offices, to be acknowledged, and to take Possession, with the usual Formality, of the Post lately conferred on him by the Great Duke, of Superintendant of the Marine. It is advised from Modena, that the Duke of Modena has contracted for levying a Swiss Regiment of 800 Men. The Earl of Shrewsbury is arrived at Florence from Rome.

*Rome, Sept. 24.* On Sunday the 18th Instant, the Duke de St. Aignan, Ambassadour Extraordinary from the King of France, went with a great Retinue and had an Audience of the Pope, whom he complimented in the Name of his most Christian Majesty upon his Advancement to the Papal Chair: At the same time he took his Leave of his Holiness, designing to set out in a few Days on his Return to Paris. On the 20th Cardinal de Rohan had an Audience, and took his Leave of the Pope. On the 21st the Prince of Santa Croce, whom the Emperor had appointed his Ambassador Extraordinary during the holding of the Conclave, had an Audience of the Pope, to compliment him on the Part of his Imperial Majesty, upon his Election to the Pontificate; and with this Ceremony finished his Embassy. That Afternoon Cardinal Tencin had a private Audience of the Pope, and presented to him his Credential Letters for residing at this Court with the Character of Minister of France. The Ceremony of presenting the Spanish Horse or Gennet to the Pope, which is done every Year, as a Tribute for the Kingdom of Naples, was performed this time with more than ordinary Solemnity. The King of the Two Sicilies appointed for this Purpose Don Fabricio Colonna, Duke of Paliano, Great Constable of the Kingdom of Naples, as his Ambassadour Extraordinary. This Ceremony had been usually performed annually on the Day before the Festival of St. Peter and St. Paul, but was deferred this Year on account of the See being then vacant. On the 8th Instant the said Constable Colonna in-

vited the chief of the Nobility and others, Feudatories of the Kingdom of Naples, to come to his Palace in the Farnese Square, in order to accompany him on Horseback to the Church del Popolo, where the Pope had appointed to receive the Present. After a short Entertainment which the Constable provided for them, the Cavalcade began, each Person of Quality being attended by his Servants in Liveries. The Constable rode between a Guard of Switzers on a very fine Horse, and in a very splendid Habit; and the Gennet was led after him with a very rich Saddle and Trappings. The Cavalcade was closed by a Train of the Constable's Coaches, and others. Having passed through the principal Streets, they came to the Door of the Church del Popolo, where the Ambassadour alighting, presented the Gennet to the Pope, who stood there, with a great Number of Cardinals and Officers of his Court, to receive it, with the usual Formalities; which done, his Holiness returned to his Palace.

*Warsaw, Sept. 28.* Yesterday the King and Queen arrived here from Dresden in perfect Health. The Princesses Mary Ann and Josephina came hither on the 24th Instant, as did also Sig. Sorbeloni the Pope's Nuncio, the Bishops of Cujavia, Posnania, and Lithuania, and several other Persons of Distinction. To-day the King gave Audience to the Ministers of the Emperor, the Czarina, and the King of Prussia. The greatest Part of the Senators and Deputies are already arrived here, in order to assist at the General Dyet, which is to be opened on Monday next.

General Post Office, March 14, 1739.

*Whereas the Post-Boy, who was carrying the Worcester Mail from London to Southall, was set upon this Morning about Four of the Clock, between Audley-street End and Tyburn Turnpike, by Two Footpads, one of which was a lussy Man, in a white Cape Coat, who presented a Pistol to the said Boy, and demanding the Oxford Bag, led him into a Field against Audley-street End, opened the Mail, and took thereout the Worcester and Oxford Bags; the Worcester Bag containing the Ludlow, Tenbury, and Bromyard Letters; the Oxford Bag containing the Burford, Whitney, and Woodstock Letters.*

*The Postmaster General thinks proper to advertise the Publick, that whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause*