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Naples, April 30, N. S.

THE Court continues at Portici, and the Queen has declar'd her Pregnancy of four Months. Orders have been given to equip the Gallies and two half Gallies designed for a Cruize on these Coasts to protect the Commerce of the King's Subjects. The City, on occasion of presenting to the King the last Quota of the Free-Gift granted on the Birth of the young Prince of Calabria, has required two Favours, One to abolish the Tortures used in the Tribunals, the other, that no Son of a Family shall be allowed to marry without the Consent of his Parents. On the 26th past, the Marquis Masaspina set out from hence for Dresden, as Envoy from the King to the Court of Poland, to relieve Count Bolognini recalled.

Florence, May 7, N. S. On the 25th the Chevalier Antinori, Secretary to the Council of Regency, was, by the Emperor's Directions, appointed to succeed the late Marquis Rinuccini as President to the Council of War, and Member of the Council of Regency. By the latest Letters from Lombardy we learn, that on the 1st Instant the Austrian Troops began their March from Parma in four Divisions, and by four different Routes, for the State of Genoa, to open the Campaign and begin the Operations. Marshal Brown was to follow the Army on the 5th to Borgo Taro, where it is thought he would fix his Head Quarters. A Project is proposed by the Council of Finances, to oblige all Persons to use for the future Stamp Paper for all publick Acts, and without which none will be reputed lawful and valid.

Liege, May 15, N. S. Above 6000 Men have been constantly at Work for eight Days past compleating and pallisading the Retrenchments made by Marshal Saxe, which are now finished, and the French Army begins this Day to take the Cantonments, and will be settled in them by the 17th, when Marshal Saxe intends to set out for Brussels.

Liege, May 17, N. S. The French Army are marched into the Cantonments assigned them, which are so regulated, that the whole may be assembled in five Days. They are now fortifying all the Posts along the Demer, and upon the River Ourte; besides which, M. Lowendahl hath ordered the Redotts to be continued along the Camp on the Right of the Meuse, by which Means the whole is render'd very strong. Five Brigades of Engineers are left at Maestricht to compleat the Work, and all the Artillery,

Bombs, Bullets, &c. which remained here, are sent thither. The Irish Brigade, we hear, have their Quarters at Viset, for the Benefit of Recruiting here. The few Men of each Company which remained at Namur, have received Orders to join their respective Corps, to make Room for nine Battalions which are to be garrisoned there. Marshal Saxe set out Yesterday for Hasselt, to Day he goes to Diest, and will continue to visit all the Posts along the River; but he proposes being at Brussels the 18th or 19th Instant.

Head Quarters at Vught, May 20, N. S. After halting two Days at Eyndhoven with the Left Wing, we marched hither, and To-morrow are to pass the Town of Boisleduc; the Cavalry went another Way, and arrived Yesterday at their Ground. We are to take a Camp within a League and a half of Grave, where the Magazines are established, while the Imperialists will stay near Boisleduc.

Head Quarters at Nistleroy, May 21, N. S. We got to our Ground To-day pretty early, To-morrow we shall halt, and our next March will be a very easy one.

Hague, May 21, N. S. General d'Aylva arrived here Yesterday, in order to make his Report to the States General of every Thing material relating to the Siege of Maestricht. The Prince of Orange will set out To-morrow or next Day for Breda.

Whitehall, May 16.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Philip Ludwell Grymes and John Roberts, Esqrs. the Office of Receiver-General of the Revenues, Duties and Imports in the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Charles Watson, Esq; Commander of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War to be employed at Newfoundland, Louisbourg, and on the Coast of North America, to be his Majesty's Governor and Commander in Chief of Newfoundland in America, the Fort and Garrison of Placentia, and of all other Forts and Garrisons erected or to be erected in that Island.

Whitehall, May 17.

Last Night a Messenger arrived from the Earl of Sandwich, his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary at Aix la Chapelle, with the Ratifications of the Preliminary Articles, which were exchanged on the 21st Instant N. S. between the Ministers of his Britannick Majesty, the most Christian King, and the States General of the United Provinces.