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Petersburg, July 21.

HER Imperial Majesty having signified her Pleasure, that the Court should continue at Petershoff for some Weeks longer, several of the Foreign Ministers are preparing to go thither.

Naples, July 21. The King's Half Gallies, which are stationed on the Coast of Sicily, having received Notice, that two small Xebecs, Corsairs from Barbary, had seized two Neapolitan Barks near Trapani, immediately went in quest of them, and on the 4th Instant, after a short Engagement, took one of the Corsairs with their Prize, but the other made her Escape. On the 9th Instant their Majesties, with the Royal Family, attended by their respective Retinues and Guards, returned to this City from Portici, in perfect Health. On the 12th anchored in this Port, from a Cruize in the Adriatick Sea, two of the King's Half Gallies, which are to escort the King to the Island of Procida, where he proposes to go to shoot Pheasants.

Rome, July 25. By Order from the Pope, the Companies of Soldiers in this City are to be augmented to the Number of 100 Men each, dismissing from them the Invalids, who are sent to St. Sisto, in lieu of whom, and to compleat the said Companies, they are actually inlisting Men. 'Tis said that M. Gusman, who is shortly expected here, has been appointed by the King of Portugal to succeed the late M. Sampario, his Minister to the Pope. On the 11th Instant Cardinal Mellini had a particular Audience of the Pope, in Consequence of a Dispatch which he received from Vienna, relating to the Affair of Aquileja. Several Persons having petitioned for Leave to export Corn into foreign Parts, on account of the plentiful Harvest this Year throughout the Ecclesiastical State, the Pope has granted their Request, on Condition of their paying the usual Duties on Exportation; and 'tis said a large Quantity has already been contracted for to be sent to Leghorn.

Parma, July 25. Some curious Fireworks are preparing at Colorno, which are to be played off on the 14th of next Month, being the Birth-Day of the Infanta Dutchess, who then enters into the 24th Year of her Age; and 'tis imagined her Highness's Pregnancy will that Day be declared at Court.

Florence, July 29. All Difficulties having been removed for the Ceremony of blessing the

Colours of the Emperor's three Ships of War, by a provisional Decree which the Archbishop of Pisa had made for that Purpose, and which was afterwards approved of by the Pope, that Ceremony was performed on the 9th Instant by M. Cerrati, Chaplain of the Order of St. Stephen, who afterwards celebrated Mass in the Cabin of the Commodore's Ship; on which Occasion M. Acton entertained at Dinner, and with a Ball, many Ladies and Gentlemen who were invited to that Ceremony. On the 16th at Night, the Eagle and Heron, two of the said Ships of War, sailed for Porto Ferrajo, conducting thither Count Richecourt, to view the Fortifications of that Port and the Salines, and returned from thence to Leghorn on the 20th Instant. On the 13th M. Richard, one of the Secretaries of the Council of the Regency, set out from Leghorn for Genoa, to receive from that Government, agreeable to the Emperor's Directions, a Xebec Corsair from Tunis, which in November last was taken by two Genoese armed Barks from under a small Fort near the Port of Leghorn.

Pofnania, July 29. For some Days past there has appeared in the Neighbourhood of this City, a prodigious Quantity of Locusts, which makes People very uneasy lest they should make the same Devastation they did last Year. Notwithstanding the Troops which have been sent into the Ukraine, to prevent the Heyducks plundering that Country, are almost continually in Motion, yet numberless Disorders are still committed by them, the Troops not being able to drive them out of the thick Woods in which they take Shelter. We learn from Warsaw, that the Primate of that Kingdom had been very much indisposed for some Days past. The same Letters say, that the Deputies from the several Provinces of that Kingdom were daily arriving, in order to assist at the holding of the extraordinary Diet, which there was good Reason to believe would prove successful. We have received Advice, that a contagious Distemper has broke out again in some of the Provinces bordering upon Russia, and has carried off a great Number of Persons.

Vienna, Aug. 1. Yesterday several of the Nobility, and other Persons of Distinction, went to Schonbrun, to take Leave of Prince Charles of Lorraine, who, 'tis now said, intends to set out for Brussels, by the Way of Bohemia, on Monday next. The necessary Passports for the Count de Hautefort, the new French Ambassador to this Court, were sent away for Paris some