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Lisbon, December 1.

CAPTAIN Mackenzie, Commander of one of our Men of War of 60 Guns, who has been on a Cruize against the Barbary Corsairs, is returned into Port, in order to his Ship's being repaired, she having received great Damage in a very long and obstinate Engagement with five Algerine Corsairs about the Middle of last Month, in which she sunk two of them, and obliged the others to sheer off in a very shattered Condition. The Brazil Fleet is daily expected here, and is reckoned one of the richest Fleets that has come from thence for many Years.

Petersbourg, Dec. 4. A few Days ago Advice was received at Court, by an Express from M. de Nepluef, our Minister at the Ottoman Porte, that the Grand Vizier had notified to him, and to M. Penckler, the Austrian Minister, that the Grand Seignior his Master was determined to name shortly two Bashaws as Ministers to the Courts of Petersbourg and Vienna, in order to give them fresh Assurances of his invariable Resolution of preserving a good Understanding with those two Courts. This Express has given great Satisfaction to her Imperial Majesty, who immediately ordered the Contents of it to be communicated to the British, Austrian, and Dutch Ministers. The Court's Journey to Moscow seems now fixed for next Month, provided the sledging Ways are then open. Count Raufomoski, Great General of the Lesser Russia, accompanies her Imperial Majesty in this Journey; and 'tis said she will be followed by the whole Court, and by most of the Foreign Ministers. By our last Letters from Persia we learn, that the Troubles in that Kingdom are continually augmenting; and that the different Parties are pushing on the War against each other with great Barbarity, so that there is not the least Likelihood of an Accommodation.

Parma, Dec. 6. Their Serene Highnesses the Duke and Dutchess, with the whole Court, came hither on the 3d Instant from Colorno for the Winter. On Monday last the Body of M. Maulevrier, the French Minister Plenipotentiary to this Court, who died here the Day before, was interred with great Funeral Pomp in the Church of the Carmelites in this City. They write from Florence, that the Differences between the Regency of the Great Duke of Tuscany and the Republick of Lucca, relating to the new Road which is making at Lucca, were on the Point of being amicably adjusted at the Court of Vienna.

Florence, Dec. 7. Count Richecourt is on the Point of making a Tour to visit the new Road of Bologna, from whence he will proceed to Arezzo and Cortona, in order to establish some Woollen Manufactures there. Last Week the Deputation appointed by the Emperor, composed of the Secretaries of State and War, and three Senators, caused a Notification to be published, intimating to the Nobility and Citizens of Florence, to exhibit, within the Terms therein prescribed, the requisite Proofs and Attestations of their Genealogies, agreeable to the new Regulation which the Emperor has prescribed in this Particular. On the 24th past, by Approbation from the Court of Rome, an Edict was published by the Archbishop of Florence, summoning all the Clergy in Tuscany, the Convents of Fryars and Nuns included, to give in an exact Account of their yearly Revenues, Pensions, and Benefices, in order to their being taxed for their Shares towards defraying the Expences this Government was at some Years ago, to prevent the Communication of the Plague of Messina extending into Tuscany. The Emperor's having fitted out three Ships of War, and the Treaties of Peace lately concluded with the Turks and the Regencies of Barbary, making the Gallies useless, the Slaves who worked in them were removed, some to Porto Ferrajo, and about 300 to Pisa, in order to their working on the Roads, and other publick Works, as the Government should appoint; but those at Pisa being very ill guarded, 142 of them escaped last Week in a Body, and took the Road towards Lucca; but an Alarm being given by the Centinels on their Approach, the Gates of that Town were shut against them, upon which they took the Road of Viareggio, and it is thought have dispersed themselves in those Woods and the neighbouring Country, where being desperate, and without any Means of getting their Livelihood, they may do great Mischief both to the Inhabitants of the Country and Passengers; which the Government being informed of, circular Orders were immediately dispatched for the Militia and Sbirri, in all those Parts, to be sent out in Search of them, but by the last Accounts only 14 had been taken. The Abbe Vernaccini, a Florentine who was Secretary to the late Pere Ascanio, the Spanish Minister, and who ever since his Death has acted as Agent for the Court of Spain, though he has never presented any Credential Letters as such, was sent for last Week by Count Pandolfini, by Order of the Regency, to enquire by what Authority he appeared in deep Mourning with his Coach and Servants, as he had done for several Months, contrary

