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Naples, April 27.

ON the 21st Instant sailed for Sicily two of the King's Half Gallies to cruize against the Barbary Pirates. Several Gallies are fitting out with great Expedition to proceed to Sicily, to attend the Vice-Roy in the Tour which he proposes to make, in order to visit the Fortresses of that Kingdom. By the last Letters from Palermo we heard, that the Vice-Roy had confined the Prince of Comitino in the Castle, for having mortally wounded, by a Musket-Shot, a Lay Jesuit Fryar of that Convent. On the 25th their Majesties, attended by their respective Retinues and Guards, returned to this City from Caferta, where they had passed a Fortnight to hunt in that Forest: They went directly to Portici, where they propose to remain the greatest Part of the Summer. The same Day a Quarrel happened at the Village of Lusiano, between a Party of Horse and some of the Inhabitants, who raising a Tumult, great Mischief ensued on both Sides. The Court, on Notice thereof, has determined to send thither several Companies of Soldiers, to live at Discretion upon the Inhabitants.

Rome, May 1. A few Days ago the Cardinals Mellini and Rezzonico had an Audience of the Pope, in which the former presented the Ratification of the Articles for the Reconciliation of the Affair of Aquileja, requiring that a Bull should be issued out accordingly. The Pope summoned thereupon a Congregation to put the last Hand to it, and it is said that the Archbishoprick of Udine will be conferred always by the Nomination of the Senate of Venice. The Pope, on Notice that five Xebeck Pirates from Barbary greatly infest the Navigation of the Roman Coast, has ordered his Gallies to be fitted out with the utmost Expedition, to cruize against them. Last Week the Pope held a Congregation, to consult a proper Expedient to redress the new Law of Mortmain, which the Regency of Tuscany caused lately to be published, directly prejudicial to the Interest of the Clergy in general, for which the Pope has

express'd his Dissatisfaction: By the last Letters from Vienna, the Secretary of State received Notice of the Decease of Cardinal Rollonitz, Archbishop of that City, being the tenth Hat vacant in the College of Cardinals.

Florence, May 7. Last Week anchored at Leghorn from Lisbon and Portmahon, his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Sea Horse, commanded by Captain Barrington. On the 29th past a Party of Soldiers of the Lorrain Regiment of Foot Guards, deserted when on Duty at one of the Gates of this City. The Emperor's three Ships of War in the Road of Leghorn wait only for a fair Wind to sail for Porto Ferrajo, there to be disarmed and laid up. A Battalion of the Regiment of Guards is to set out To-morrow for Leghorn, to replace that which has been in Garrison there for a Year, and which is now on its March hither.

Kensington, May 16.

This Day his Majesty came from St. James's to reside here for the Summer.

Whitehall, May 14, 1751.

A Deposition having been made, at the Request of James Cope, Esq, his Majesty's Resident at Hamburgh, by Wirck Pieterfen, Commander of a Ship called the St. Johannes, (which lately arrived there under Danish Colours) representing, that on the 16th of April last, being about six Leagues off the North Foreland, upon the Kentish Coast, he took up a Coffin, made in the English Manner, and having the following Inscription engraved upon a silver Plate, viz.

*Mr.
Francis Humphry
Merrydith Died
March 25, 1751.
Aged 51.*

That having carried the said Coffin, (being of Oak, cover'd with black Cloth, and having Eight silver'd Handles,) to Hamburgh, and open'd it there, a Coffin of Lead was found inclosed in it, which being also open'd, contained the Body of an elderly Man, embalmed, and dress'd in fine Linnen.

This publick Notice of the abovementioned Particulars is given, that any Person or Persons concern'd for the Remains of the said Mr. Francis Humphry Merrydith,

[Price Two-pence.]