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*Naples, August 10.*

**A** COURIER is arrived here with Dispatches from the Viceroy of Sicily, by which we learn, that the Damage done in that Island by the Earthquakes which happened there during the Course of last Month, amounted to at least 150,000 Crowns. The King having been informed, that several Persons of the first Distinction, who used to frequent the Assemblies of the Free Masons, had complained heavily of the late Edict that was published against them, his Majesty immediately gave Orders for the Commissaries appointed to carry that Edict into Execution, to discover, if possible, whether he had not been imposed on by those who represented that Society as dangerous to the Community. And those Commissaries having since represented to the King, that after the most strict Enquiry they could find nothing transacted in those Assemblies that appeared either contrary to Religion or to the Safety of the State, his Majesty has ordered that no farther Proceedings shall be had in Relation to the said Edict.

*Milan, August 10.* The Weather has been excessive hot in this Dutchy for these three Months past, during which Time we have had very little Rain, and the Corn is so much burnt up that we have not had half our usual Crop. The Plaisantine and Modenese have suffered more than we by the Dryness of the Weather, having scarcely Corn enough for their own Consumption, whereas they constantly used to supply their Neighbours every Year with great Quantities.

*Petersbourg, August 10.* Her Imperial Majesty, and the Great Duke and Great Dutchess, continue their Residence at Petershoff, where the Court is extremely brilliant. 'Tis said the Empress is at last determined to fill up the important Post of Field Marshal General of her Armies, and it is generally believed the same will be given to Lieutenant General Baron Lieven. A few Days ago Colonel Panin set out from hence for Stockholm, in order to compliment, in the Name of her Imperial Majesty, the King and Queen of Sweden upon their Accession to the Throne of that Kingdom. The last Letters this Court received from Constantinople continue to assure us of the Grand Signior's firm Resolution to live in perfect Peace and Friendship with all the Christian Powers.

*Stockholm, Aug. 17.* The King has caused an Edict to be published, in order to prevent, if possible, the frequent Fires that happen in this City, by which all Persons who shall be convicted of setting or attempting to set any House or

other Building on Fire, or of placing any combustible Matter under or near any such Houses, &c. with an Intent so to do, shall for the future absolutely be punished with Death.

*Prague, August 21.* The Prince of Furstemberg, who has been for some Time in the Country, arrived here on Thursday last, accompanied by his Son-in-Law the Prince of Tour Taxis, who 'tis said will set out with his Princess on Monday next for Ratisbon, the Journey they proposed taking into Swabia having been put off for some Time. Field Marshal Prince Lobkowitz arrived here Yesterday from Eysenberg, and proposes setting out Tomorrow for Colin, in order to review the Troops encamped at that Place.

*Schaffhouse, Aug. 24.* We are assured that the Pope, the Courts of Turin and Naples, the Duke of Modena, and the Republicks of Venice, Genoa and Lucca, have all unanimously resolved to make strong Representations to the Emperor, as Great Duke of Tuscany, against the Refuge that is given in his Ports to the Corsairs of Barbary, to the inexpressible Damage of the Commerce of those Powers in the Mediterranean.

*Hambourg, Aug. 27.* Field Marshal Count Lowendahl arrived here Yesterday Morning from Berlin; he alighted at the House of M. Kern, an eminent Merchant; where he soon after received the Compliments of a Deputation from the Magistracy of this City; after which he dined with M. Champeaux the French Minister. 'Tis said he proposes staying here four or five Days, and then to return to France by the Way of Holland. A large Quantity of Artillery and Ammunition is getting ready here to be sent as a Present to the Dey of Algiers, agreeable to the Treaty lately concluded between the Magistrates of this City and the Dey and Regency of that Republick. The last Letters we received from Poland brought Advice, that the Heyducks continue to infest not only the Frontiers of this Kingdom, but likewise those of Russia, where they lately defeated a Party that was conducting the Baggage of Count Rasoumowsky, Brother to the General of the Cossacks, and carried off great Part of it. And by the last Letters received here from Constantinople we are informed, that the Plague makes such Havock in that City, that great Numbers of Persons of all Ages continue to die every Day of that Distemper.

*Hague, Sept. 2.* His Serene Highness the Prince of Orange being to set out early Tomorrow Morning for Aix la Chapelle, did not receive Yesterday the usual Compliments upon his Birth-day. Yesterday the Margrave of Baden