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Lisbon, November 18.

THE Farmers of Tobacco have renewed their Contract with the King for three Years, on Condition of their paying to his Majesty the yearly Sum of two Millions and eighty Thousand Cruzades, besides the accustomed Duties. The King, in Imitation of the King of Spain, is determined to put his Marine on a respectable Footing, for which Purpose his Majesty has engaged two experienced English Shipbuilders, who have agreed to build 18 Men of War and Frigats in the Course of two Years, on Condition they have the Liberty of chusing such Ports as they shall think most convenient to build them in. The Court is still at Bellem, from whence their Majesties generally come once a Week to partake of the Winter Diversions that are carrying on in this City.

Leghorn, Nov. 30. The Masters of several Ships arrived here within this Week past assure us, that there are at present no Barbary Corsairs on our Coast. We learn by our last Letters from Corsica, that the Malecontents of that Island continue very mutinous, and seem on the Brink of committing Hostilities against such of the Inhabitants who take Part with the Genoese.

Rome, Dec. 2. Prince Esterhasi, late Ambassador from their Imperial Majesties to the King of the Two Sicilies, who arrived here from Naples on Friday last with his Spouse, was the next Day presented to the Pope, and received with great Marks of Distinction; he proposes to stay here about eight Days, and then to continue his Journey for Vienna. The Congregation de Propaganda Fide were lately informed by Letters from China, that the Emperor of that Country, having conceived more favourable Sentiments of the Christians settled in his Dominions than heretofore, had at length permitted the Missionaries to continue their Functions as before their late Persecution; which News is the more agreeable, as by some former Advices it was greatly feared those Missionaries

must have quitted that Country, and retired into Europe.

Turin, Dec. 3. The Beginning of last Week the Court came here from the Palace of the Venerie for the Winter. They go on very successfully in raising Men for the two Regiments of Foot with which the King has resolved to augment his Forces; and 'tis not doubted but those two Regiments will be completed by the Spring.

Cadiz, Dec. 4. His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Dolphin, Capt. How, sailed from hence on the 2d Instant; and the Lime, Capt. Proby, who arrived here the 23d past, proposes sailing for England in about three Weeks.

Naples, Dec. 5. The King set out on Friday last for Persano, a Hunting-Seat about 40 Miles distant from hence, where his Majesty proposes to continue till the 20th Instant. Prince Corfini, Nephew to Pope Clement XII. died here on the 30th of last Month, immensely rich. He was Counsellor of State to the King, and formerly Viceroy of Sicily. The Men of War, Galleys, and Shebecques are all return'd into Port, from their respective Cruizes, for the Winter.

Petersbourg, Dec. 5. Last Week a grand Conference was held at Count Bestucheff's, Great Chancellor of this Empire, at which General Baron Pretlack, Ambassador from their Imperial Majesties, assisted; as did also M. Funch, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Poland; 'tis said this Conference turned upon Affairs of great Consequence; which is the readier believed, as Couriers were, immediately after its breaking up, dispatched to Constantinople, Vienna, and Dresden. Her Imperial Majesty has appointed M. Sperat, Assessor of the College of Commerce of this City, to be Director of that of Archangel. M. de Malzhan, the Danish Envoy Extraordinary, has informed this Court, that the King his Master had nothing more in View, by ordering a Body of Troops to advance towards the Frontiers of Holstein, than meerly to hinder the cutting down of the Woods in those Parts by the common

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