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*Florence, February 16.*

**W**E are informed by Dispatches from Vienna, that the Emperor has totally rejected the Proposals of the present French Farmers, for the future Administration of the publick Revenues of Tuscany; and that he has fixed upon another Company, composed of his own Subjects, to manage those Revenues, which Company is to enter upon it at the Expiration of the present Year. The whole is divided into twenty Shares, of which his Imperial Majesty reserves ten to himself; and he has appointed M. Richard, a Gentleman of Lorraine, to preside in the Emperor's Name, at the Head of this Company, as his Commissary; all which is extremely agreeable to the Florentines, as they see the French Farmers excluded, who enriched themselves at their Expence, and carried the Money out of the Country; besides they always employed a great Number of French in the little Offices depending upon the Revenues, which will now be distributed to Italians. We are assured by Letters from Corsica, That M. de Courfi, the new Commander of the French Troops, having, in Consequence of Orders from his Court to evacuate that Island, begun to make Dispositions for that Purpose, by calling in the Detachments which were posted in various Parts of the Country, the Corsicans rose and disarmed the French Soldiers, nor would they permit them to retire; of which Violence M. de Courfi being informed, he immediately dispatched a Major General to a Place called Corte, to treat with M. Gafforio, one of the principal People of the Island, and at the same Time marched out of Bastia with all his Forces to the Distance of four Miles, in order to wait the Event; when M. Gafforio having been gained by the Promises of the General, wrote circular Letters, with Orders to the Corsicans to restore the Arms to the French Soldiers, and to let them retire; notwithstanding which, the

French were met in their March towards Bastia, by several Parties of the Malecontents, who attacked them, and killed two Officers and some Soldiers; after which the Corsicans took Possession of all the Posts which the French had left, as the Castle of Corte, the Towers of San Pellegrino and Padulella, and those of Isola Rossa. The French seem to have no other View than to withdraw their Troops with Safety. In the mean Time the Genoese have sent a considerable Reinforcement into that Island, in order to be better prepared for an Event which must throw every Thing there into as great Confusion as before. We hear that the Republick of Venice, to provide against the considerable Losses their trading Subjects sustain by the frequent Depredations which the Corsairs of Barbary make over them, are in a Disposition to enter into a Treaty of Amity with those Regencies, in order to secure, by that Means, the Commerce of their Subjects.

*Naples, Feb. 17.* His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Phoenix, commanded by the Honourable Augustus Hervey, who came into this Port on the 6th past from Genoa with 500,000 Dollars for this Place, and was admitted without performing Quarantine, is ready to put to Sea, The King and Queen of Naples are at Bovino, to take the Diversion of Hunting, and will remain there till the 26th Instant, and then return to Caserta. The Marquis Albertini is preparing to set out for London, and Part of his Baggage is already shipp'd off.

*Whitehall, March 20.*

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Northumberland to be Lieutenant of and in the County of Northumberland, and of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne; and also to be Custos Rotulorum for the said County of Northumberland, and Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne.

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