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*Lisbon, February 15.*

**T**HEIR Majesties and the Royal Family are still at Salvaterra. The excessive Drought we have had in this Kingdom for these Six Months past, during which Numbers of Cattle have perished for Want of Water, is at length succeeded by Abundance of Rain; notwithstanding which, as the Corn has suffered so much, that we scarcely expect Half a Crop, the Court are taking the necessary Precautions to prevent a Scarcity of that Commodity, so necessary for the Preservation of Life; for which Purpose, Orders are given for the Purchasing of Wheat in other Countries, which is to be brought here, and laid up in Magazines, to supply the Poor at a moderate Price in Case of Need. We are assured, that a Camp is to be formed in the Neighbourhood of this City some Time in the Summer, and that Orders will soon be given for providing the necessary Provisions and Forage for that Purpose. We are informed by our last Advices from Nuova Colonia, that the Commissaries sent thither by our Court, and that of Spain, have at Length begun to mark out the Boundaries of the Dominions of their respective Sovereigns, by drawing a Line from Castilhos to the River Ybieri.

*Moscow, Feb. 16.* The Court is extremely numerous and brilliant, occasioned by the great Number of Nobility of both Sexes, who are arrived here from different Provinces, in order to pay their Duty to her Imperial Majesty; several of whom, as well as of the Nobility and Foreign Ministers who followed the Court from Petersbourg, have been seized with violent Colds, attended with Pains in the Head and Stomach, and a slight Fever; even the Empress herself did not escape this Disorder; and though she is perfectly recovered, her Physicians have prevailed on her to keep her Chamber for three or four Days longer. At first 'twas imagined, the very severe Frost, which set in here at that Time, was the Occasion of this and several other Disorders, but the Physicians now seem to think it was rather owing to the Badness of our Waters.

*Naples, Feb. 27.* The King has sent Orders from Bovino, for equipping forthwith two Men

of War, and four Chebecks, in order to cruize on the Barbary Pyrates, who appear in great Numbers on this Coast, and very much interrupt our Commerce.

*Petersbourg, Feb. 28.* They are hard at Work in repairing the Damages that were done by the late Inundations at Cronstadt. The severe Frost we have had in these Parts is succeeded by Rain, and the Great and Little Neva are already free from Ice. On Wednesday last, being the Great Duke's Birth-Day, the same was celebrated with great Magnificence at the Hotel of the Admiral Prince Galliczin. The Great Chancellor Count Bestuchef is greatly recovered, and 'tis thought will soon be able to set out for Moscow, where his Presence is much wanted. We are informed by a Courier who arrived here To-day from Constantinople, that, in Conformity to the Grand Signior's Orders, they were actually making Dispositions for assembling a large Body of Forces on the Side of Bagdad, in order to watch the Motions of Prince Heraclius of Georgia, who gains Ground daily, and who 'tis now thought aims at nothing less than the Throne, the Prince of Persia, Schach-Doub, not being able to oppose his ambitious Views.

*Toulon, March 6.* A Frigate, and twenty Transports, are getting ready in this Port, in order, as 'tis said, to be employed in fetching the French Troops from Corsica.

*Geneva, March 10.* Yesterday in the Afternoon a very severe Shock of an Earthquake was felt in this City, which lasted near two Minutes, and greatly alarmed the Inhabitants, but we don't find it has done any considerable Damage.

*Dresden, March 14.* The great Quantity of Rain that has fallen in these Parts since the Beginning of this Month, has occasioned the River Elbe to overflow its Banks, by which Misfortune a very large Tract of Land is laid under Water. The Camp that is to be formed in the Neighbourhood of this City, in the Summer, will consist of 20 or 22,000 Men.

*Ratisbon, March 15.* The Ministers of the Evangelick Body have at length wrote to their Imperial Majesties in Favour of the Protestants of Upper Austria, and of those of the Provinces