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*Moscow, February 7.*

**L**AST Friday Night a Fire broke out in the Palace of Le Fort, which was soon reduced to Ashes. The Consternation amongst the People was so great, that several Persons lost their Lives. Her Imperial Majesty's Body Guards have occupied this Palace for some Time past, who, with their Families and Attendance, 'tis reckon'd made up near 3000 Persons. But what encreased the Hurry and Confusion was, the Empress had lodged most of her Plate, and several Chests of Money in that Palace, which was all preserved, notwithstanding many People ran the utmost Hazard of their Lives in fetching it out, on Account of a large Quantity of Gunpowder that was lodged underneath; and the People were so very venturesome on this Occasion, that even most of the Gunpowder was brought out before the Flames reached the Place where it lay. The same Night a Fire broke out in one of the Suburbs of this City, called Krasnoc-Zelo, which consumed several Houses; and Yesterday the House belonging to the Secretary of the Chancery was also reduced to Ashes.

*Lisbon, Feb. 1.* The first Ship belonging to the Company lately formed here for trading to China and the Coast of Cormandel, under the Direction of the Sieur Oldenburg, is already equipped, and will put to Sea in about a Fort-night.

*Naples, Feb. 12.* Commodore Edgecumbe sail'd Yesterday for Port Mahon, as did the two Spanish Men of War for Palermo, where they are gone to convoy from thence some Vessels laden with Corn, to Spain.

*Barcelona, Feb. 12.* Orders are expected from Court for the fitting out of some armed Vessels to cruize against the African Corsairs, great Numbers of which are now at Sea, and interrupt the Navigation so much, that the small Vessels which trade between this Port and Catalonia, are in continual Danger of being taken by them. The Algerines alone are very troublesome. Their Chebecks keep almost continually cruizing from Gibraltar to the Islands of Majorca and Minorca, and some we hear have lately been seen in the Gulf of Lyons. They stop all Ships they fall in with, and even oblige the Ships belonging to the Subjects of those Powers with whom they are at Peace, to produce their Passports, which greatly retards their Voyage.

*Stockholm, Feb. 15.* Count Bielke, President of the Chamber of Finances, died here on Monday last, generally regretted.

*Copenhagen, Feb. 19.* The King has appointed M. de Windt, heretofore Minister from this Court to that of Sweden, to be Great Master of the Queen's Household. 'Tis currently reported, that Count Reventlau, his Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of France, is soon to be recalled, in order to his being appointed Governor to the Prince Royal. Some little Disputes having arisen between this Court and that of Sweden, in Relation to the carrying a new Plan into Execution for regulating the Limits of the two Kingdoms on the Side of Norway, the Swedish Minister is preparing, by Order of his Court, to set out for Stockholm, in order to be present at the adjusting those Disputes. The King has appointed Lieutenant Colonel Bulau to be Colonel of the Regiment of Foot lately commanded by Colonel Sleswick. On the 14th Instant died here M. Hoffman; he was Assessor of the Court of Justice, Member of our Academy of Sciences, and Fellow of the Royal Society in London.

*Frankfort, Feb. 20.* The prodigious Quantity of Snow which has fallen in this Country, having melted as it were all at once by a sudden Thaw, has so swelled the Maine, as to overflow its Banks, by which Means a large Extent of Country has lain under Water for these two or three Days past.

*Vienna, Feb. 23.* Commissaries are soon to be appointed for filling the Magazines establishing in all the Hereditary Countries. On Saturday last a grand Council was held at the Palace, and that Night Expresses were dispatched for different Courts. Yesterday the Corps of the late General Schulenburg was interred here; in the Church of St. Andrew, with all Military Honours. We have received Advice from Trieste, that great Damages have been lately done on that Coast by violent Tempests; and particularly a Dutch Ship that had taken in her Lading, and was ready to sail, had been drove from her Anchors, and was lost, with all her Goods; but the Crew, with some Difficulty, saved themselves in their Shallops.

*Dresden, Feb. 24.* The Princess Royal and Electoral is perfectly recovered from her late Lying-in, and has seen Company in her Apartment ever since Sunday last.

*Frankfort, Feb. 26.* The Imperial Officers continue to raise Recruits with great Success in this