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*Lisbon, February 5.*

**C**ARDINAL Almeida, Patriarch of this City, had Yesterday an Apoplectic Fit, and as he was seized with another to Day, and continues very ill, the Physicians begin to despair of his Life. Last Week we received the agreeable News by a Ship from Maranham, that the Fleet, which sailed from hence about eight Months ago for that Colony, was safely arrived there, having lost only seven or eight Persons in that long Voyage.

*Naples, Feb. 12.* The repeated Complaints of the Merchants concerning the Interruption of our Commerce by the Number of Barbary Corsairs that are continually cruizing in these Seas, has induced the King to issue his Orders for the fitting out some armed Vessels in order to give them Chace.

*Copenhagen, Feb. 26.* The King, accompanied by several principal Lords of the Court, set out this Morning for Fredericksbourg. We have received Advice, that the Ship belonging to our East India Company, which lately sailed from this Port for China, has been drove into Sundbourg in Norway by contrary Winds.

*Vienna, March 2.* Yesterday an extraordinary Council was held at Court in the Presence of their Imperial Majesties; after which some Couriers were dispatched for Foreign Courts, A Resolution is taken to have several Camps formed next Summer; for which Purpose, such of the Imperial Troops, as are quartered in Bohemia, are to assemble in the Neighbourhood of Prague. The Hereditary Prince of Modena will set out, as it is believed, towards the latter End of next Week, on his Return to Italy. The Count de Barck, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sweden to this Court, is preparing to receive, from the Hands of his Imperial Majesty, the Investiture of the Estates his Swedish Majesty holds in Germany, as Fiefs of the Empire.

*Paris, March 5.* The Dauphiness is in the fourth Month of her Pregnancy, and advances in it very happily. The Dutchess of Orleans is perfectly recovered of the Small-Pox. The States of the Province of Languedoc, who have been for some Time assembled at Montpellier, have unanimously agreed to the Free Gift demanded of them by the King. A few Days ago died here, in a very advanced Age, the Marquess de Chatillon, Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Armies, and Governor of the Town and Castle of Argentan in Normandy.

*Hague, March 11.* Last Friday, being the young Prince Stadtholder's Birth-day, there was

a very numerous and splendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, to compliment her Royal Highness the Princess Governante, and his Serene Highness, on that Occasion; and at Night there was a grand Entertainment and a Ball at Prince Maurice's, which was opened by Princess Caroline and Colonel Yorke. We are informed by our last Letters from Swisserland, that Lieutenant General Lochman, Colonel of the Swiss Regiment of Hirzel, in the Service of this Republick, died lately at Zurich, to which Place he had Leave to go some Time since to settle his private Affairs. And by our last Letters from Spain we are informed, that the Marquess de St. Gilles, who resided here for several Years in Quality of Ambassador from his Catholick Majesty, died on the 16th of last Month at Madrid.

*Whitehall, March 16.*

The King has been pleased to appoint his Grace, Thomas Holles Duke of Newcastle, Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter, Sir George Lyttelton, Bart. John Campbell, George Grenville, Esqrs. and the Right Hon. Henry Lord Barnard, to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer.

*Whitehall, March 16, 1754.*

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Friday the 18th of January last, John Spurriss, (commonly known by the Name of Spurrer,) and his Wife, were most inhumanly murdered, in their Dwelling House at Hoperost's Holt, (alone House) in the Parish of Steeple Aston, in the County of Oxford; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons who committed the said Murders, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of the Persons concerned therein, except the Person or Persons who actually committed the said Murders, who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the same, so that he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And as a farther Encouragement, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough does hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery, (except the Person or Persons who actually committed the said Murders) to be paid upon the Conviction of one or more of the said Murderers.

*Whitehall, February 26, 1754.*

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that in the Night between Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th Instant, two Persons, with Ladders, and one of them being armed with a very long Knife, or Hanger, forcibly broke through the Windows into the Bedchamber of the Dwelling-House of James Poulton, (Park-Keeper to the Honourable Philip Yorke, Esq;) at