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Madrid, November 10.

ON the 8th Instant, a Messenger dispatched by the Secretary of the Spanish Embassy at Lisbon, with Letters of the 4th Instant, brought an Account of the terrible Effects of the Earthquake which happened there, on the 1st, (the same Day we felt it here, but without any considerable Damage) between the Hours of Nine and Ten, and which, in five Minutes, destroyed the Palace, Churches, and most of the stately Buildings; and that the Flames were still destroying the Remains of the City, from one Extremity of it to the other, when the Courier came away. Count Perelada, the Spanish Ambassador, was killed by the Fall of the Porch and Front of his own Palace, as he was escaping into the Street; but his only Son, an Infant of about seven Years of Age, is safe. His Catholic Majesty, being greatly moved by the Accounts of this unspeakable Misfortune, has, daily, dispatched Couriers, with as much ready Money as they can carry, to the Court of Portugal, to relieve them, in these first Moments of their Distress, and ordered all the Custom-Houses on the Frontiers of Spain, to permit the Extraction of all Sorts of Necessaries, free of all Duties; and to assist the Subjects of Portugal to the utmost of their Power. The Earthquake has done very little Damage at the City of Porto, but the Town of Setuval is entirely destroyed. Letters from Cadiz of the 4th Instant mention, that the Earthquake was likewise felt there, on the 1st, about Ten in the Morning; and that the Alarm, which the whole Town had suffered from it, had been greatly increased, by a sudden Surge from the Sea, that was as high as the Walls, and broke down Part of them, laying the West End of the Town under Water: That the fine Causeway, of two Leagues from thence to the Island of Leon, was entirely destroyed, and a great many People, who were upon it, perished:

ed: That all the Towns in the Neighbourhood had shared more or less in this Calamity; and that several Churches and Buildings had been greatly shattered. That at Port St. Maria's, the Sea had rose eight several Times, and frightened all the Inhabitants out of the Town. Letters from Malaga mention also, that it had been felt there and in the neighbouring Towns, and that it had damaged several Houses.

Venice, Oct. 7. A few Days ago the Elector of Cologne arrived here on his Return from Rome.

Rome, Nov. 1. Notwithstanding the sudden Departure from this City of the Elector of Cologne, he has nevertheless left Marks of his Generosity to all those, who, during his short Stay here, have paid their Attention to him; to Commandeur Scarlatti, the Elector of Bavaria's Minister, a Cane with a Gold Head, set with Diamonds; to his Lady a Gold Snuff Box, with a Diamond Ring; to the Baroness Scarlatti a Gold Snuff-Box; to Marquis Nunez, besides a handsome Reward for the Lodging in his Palace, the Honour of the Order of St. Michael, which he has promised to send him from Cologn; and to M. Andreozzi, who attended his Electoral Highness a Shooting at Albano, a fine Gun and a Gold Snuff-Box. His Electoral Highness has appointed the Abbe Count Gallini, his Aulick Councillor for the Ecclesiastical Affairs, and has presented him with a Gold Snuff Box. Many Jesuits arrive daily in this City from distant Provinces, to attend at the Election of their new General, which is fixt for the 18th of November. On the 25th past M. Acquaviva, Commissary General of the Marine, received an Express from Civita Vecchia, with Notice, that M. Pollastron, Commander of the Pope's Frigate St. Paul, had, on the 20th, after an Engagement of about three Hours, taken an Algerine Pink Corsair, of 10 Guns and 120 Men, in which 20 Moors were killed, with the Loss only of two of his own Men, and some few wounded. On the 28th died, after a

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