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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 27th Day of *May*, 1768,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable Thomas Harley, Esq; Lord Mayor of the City of London, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Florence, April 23. The Great Duke, attended by Count Rosenberg, is to set out the Day after To-morrow for Bologna, to meet the Queen of Naples and to conduct her to Florence: Count Rosenberg is to have the Honour of entertaining her Majesty at Pietra Mala, the Confines of this State. The Great Dutchess remains in the Palace to receive her, and an Intimation has been given to the Nobility of both Sexes to be at Court that Evening in Gala, to wait for the Queen's Arrival.

Florence, April 30. The Great Duke, who set out a few Days ago to meet his Sister the Queen of Naples at Bologna, arrived here at Two o'clock in the Morning.

The Great Dutchess, attended by her Great Mistress, and the Ladies of Honour, went to receive her Majesty at the Head of the Stairs, and conducted her to the Apartment destined for her, the Antichambers of which were filled with the Nobility of both Sexes: Nobody was admitted the next Morning, but they dined at a Table of about thirty People, and in the Evening went to the Theatre, which was illuminated on this Occasion. Yesterday Morning the Queen gave Audience to the Foreign Ministers and the Gentlemen of the Country: The Table, as the Day before, was very numerous. Lord Stormont, Lord Cowper, and Sir Horace Mann, had the Honour to dine there; and besides the other Foreign Ministers who reside at Florence, there were Count D'Aquillar, the Spanish Ambassador, and the Duke de St. Elizabeth, the Neapolitan Ambassador at the Court of Vienna. In the Afternoon there was a Horse-Race

through the principal Streets, and in the Evening a great Drawing-Room in the Queen's Apartment, before which she admitted all the Ladies of the Country to kiss her Hand. This Evening Count Rosenberg entertains the Court at his Country House, where, on their Arrival, a Fire-Work is to be played off; after which a Cantata in Musick is to be performed in the Gardens, from whence they will proceed to a Ball, which is to be followed by a Supper for a very numerous Company; and on Sunday Evening there will be a Publick Ball, in Mask, in the Great Hall of the Old Palace, which is one of the largest in Europe. On Monday there will be Audiences of Leave; and on Tuesday Morning the Queen, with the Great Duke and Dutchess, will set out towards Naples. The Queen's Retinue consists of Count and Countess Paar, the first as Great Master of the Posts, the latter as Great Mistress to the Queen; Count Schafgotch, her Great Chamberlain, and his Lady; with four other Ladies of Honour; six of the Emperor's Chamberlains; and ten of the Emperor's Garde Noble; some of whom mount Guard at the Doors of the Queen's Apartment; and four of them follow her Coach on Horseback when she goes out. Count D'Aquillar, the Spanish Ambassador, presented to her Majesty, the Day after her Arrival, the Jewels he was charged with from the King of Spain.

Florence, May 7. Every Thing has passed here according to the Plan fixed for the Reception and Amusement of the Queen of Naples during her Stay here; and though the Weather disconcerted, in some Points, the Entertainment which Count Rosenberg had prepared at his Villa, it succeeded beyond Expectation: The Cantata, which was to have been performed on a Theatre erected in the Garden, was executed in the House; the Ball was extremely splendid; the Great Duke opened it by Dancing a Minuet with the Queen, and afterwards with the Great Dutchess; after which no Ceremony was observed, and the two Princesses danced with any Gentleman who presented themselves. The Supper was extremely fine, and served at two Tables, one of 60, the other of 40 Covers.

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