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Tangier, March 22.

Our Lieutenant Governour Colonel Sackville has received Letters from Colonel Kirke, dated the 16th Instant at Mechenesse, giving an Account; That when the Alcayde Omar parted from Alcazar, he left his Brother Alley Alcayde of Tittuan to accompany him to Mechenesse, from whom he received great Civilities in his Journey: That the 14th they arrived at Mechenesse, having been desired to halt about a mile from the Town, till they sent in to acquaint Alcayde Omar, who came and met them, with great expressions of kindness, and carried them to the Emperors House; the Alcayde going in to acquaint the King with their arrival, immediately returned with a Compliment, That they were very welcome, but that the King believing they were contrary with their Journey, and that he was so too, having been diverting himself with giving three Men to his Lions, he would see them the next day; So the Alcayde with several of the Kings Blacks and Officers, conducted Col. Kirke and the Gentlemen with him to a great House, where they Lodged, and had a very good Supper provided for them by the Jews: That the next day the Alcayde Omar came to visit Col. Kirke, making great professions of Friendship and Kindness, and about two hours after they all got on Horseback, and went to wait on the Emperor (Col. Kirke being accompanied with Alcayde Omar and his Brother) who was in a Garden; at the door whereof they halted, while the Alcayde went to acquaint the King that they were there, who presently sent a Negro Officer to conduct them in, where the Guards of Blacks were drawn up, and all the principal Officers: within this was a little Garden of Orange-Trees, where the King was set under one, with some three or four of his Companions, as they call them: the Colonel and these with him lighted at the door, and having saluted the King, he bid them welcome. Then Col. Kirke told him, that he was sent to him by the Governour of Tangier to deliver him that Letter (which he then presented) and to assure him that the Peace that had been made with the Alcayde for six Months should be kept sacred, and that Sir James Leslie, His Majesties Ambassador to him, was coming with the Kings Letter, and some small Presents, to confirm a longer Peace, if he thought fit. The King answered; that the Alcayde had told him, that Col. Kirke was to stay at Tangier, and that he had a mind to see him; that for his sake he would confirm the Peace for four years, and swore he would cut off the Alcaydes Head, if he gave the least occasion of a breach of the Peace, and did not let the Town have all the Countrey affords; adding, That he esteemed the English for that they did not worship Images as the French and Spaniards did; and that he should choose Friendship with them rather than with any Nation, for that they were a brave sort of People: and lastly, desired the Ambassador would make haste, and that he would

send him a Convoy, and would write to Col. Sackville and then the King got on Horseback and desired Col. Kirke to follow him, he went to see 600 Negroes he had bought, and afterwards exercised 300 Horse, who were all his own Officers, and Blacks, extremely well mounted, and very fine with Embroidered Saddles, Bridles, Hooves; after he had exercised them some three hours, he took a turn of about a League in the Fields, and then carried the Colonel back by his new Buildings, which will be very fine and large; and there his Wives, and Concubines, and Negro's have their Apartments: Being come home he shewed the Colonel some of his Horses, and asked if there were as good in England, and ordered Alcayde Omar to shew him his Lyons, told him all the Countrey was open to him, that he might goe whither and when he would, and if he had a mind to see Fez or Morocco he might. The Moors that brought our Lieutenant Governour this Letter from Col. Kirke, at the same time presented to him one from the Emperor, wherein he desired him to dispatch the Ambassador, so soon as he saw convenient.

Gibraltar, Febr. 24. Admiral Herbert in the Bristol, is come in here, with the Adventure, from Cyprus, having chased several Algerines, and put aboard and destroyed near Cape Sparta, one of their Men of War of 14 Guns, and two Prizes, and having retaken two other Prizes, both called the Amity; the one belonging to Plymouth, and the other to London.

Lisbonne, March 11. By a Vessel arrived this week from the Isle of St. Gabriel in the River de la Plata in America, we have an Account that the Governour of Buenos Ayres had on the 7th of August last past, with 5000 Indians and some Spaniards, attacked a Fort which the Portuguese had lately built, and had taken it, having killed near 100 Portuguese, and taken the Governour prisoner; upon which, the Spanish Envoye has been sent for to Court, and great Complaints have been made to him, and satisfaction demanded; and the said Envoye has sent an Express to Madrid to give an account of this Matter. The 10th Instant the Marquis de Dranevo, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Duke of Savoy, made his publick Entry, which was very magnificent.

Madrid, March 20. The King has been for these two or three days indisposed with a Cold, but is now very well again. On the 15th instant, the Council of State was Assembled, upon an Express sent hither by our King's Resident at Lisbonne, to acquaint his Majesty with the News the Prince Regent had received, That the Governour of Buenos Ayres in America, had taken the Fort which the Portuguese had lately built in the Isle of St. Gabriel, and that the Prince Regent in the resentment he seemed to have of it, had ordered several Troops to march towards the Spanish Frontiers, and that the Duke of Cadavil was to draw them into a Body in the Province of Alen