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Palermo, June 25.

WE have an account from the Town of Tortorica, That on the sixth Instant about seven a Clock in the Evening, after so great a darkness that no object could be distinguished at the distance of four Paces, there arose a great Storm of Rain, Lightning and Thunder, which lasted 36 hours; That about one a Clock the next morning, great Torrents of Water, caused by these Rains, fell from the neighbouring Mountains with so great Rapidity, that they carried with them Trees of an extraordinary bigness, which threw down the Walls and Houses of the Town they happened to beat against. The Waters were so violent that they overthrew the Church of St. *Nicho as*, and the Archdeacon of the Town, who retired thither perished there with many other persons: There only remained one Abby, and about 50 Houses, and those so shattered that they fell one after another There were about 600 of the Inhabitants drowned, the rest being abroad in the Field gathering their Silk, fled to the Mountains, where they suffered very much for want of Provisions. The Goods, Trees, Stones, Sand, and other Rubbish which the Waters carried away, were in so great abundance, that they made a Bank above the Water, two Miles in length, near the Mouth of the River, where before the sea was very deep. This Town is situate in that part of *Sicily* called the Valley of *D mona*, on the side of the River Tortorica, about 25 Miles from the Tuscan Sea. The Towns of *Randazzo*, *Francaville*, and several others, have likewise been destroyed by this great flood. It is added that Mount Ætna casts out such abundance of Water, that all the Neighbouring Country is drowned

Florence, July 10. Our Letters from *Rome* of the fourth Instant tell us, that after having been two Months without Rain, it began to Rain on Sunday the 25th past at night, and that an hour before day there fell a Thunderbolt in the Popes Palace of St. *Peters*, which entring first into the Apartment of Signior *Mugiasch*, from thence passed into the Anticamera, where the Prelates meet, thence into the Chamber where the private Grooms lye, and afterwards into that where the Pope gives Audience, and through a Gallery behind the said Chamber, and thence into the Apartment of Cardinal *Cibo*, and broke down the Chimney-piece, so that the Cardinal was forced to rise and go into another Room, because of the Stink.

Stockholme, July 13. Our Fleet is now quite ready, and wants nothing but Orders to put to Sea. There is a List of the Forces of this Kingdom, according to the present Establishments, by which the King has in *Sweden*, *Finland*, and *Livonia*, 17729 Horse, 38326 Foot, and 12000 Seamen; and in *Pomeren* and *Bremen* 6864 Horse and Foot: and besides these, the *Militia* of this Kingdom, who have the Kings Pay, amount to 26304. The Marquis *de Feuquieres*, the French Ambassador, has taken his leave, and will depart so soon as his Successor, Monsieur *Bazin*, arrives.

Ratisbonne, July 13. The Electoral Colledge having in *April* last, upon the Memorial of Monsieur *Verjus*, the French Minister, declared, That in the present conjuncture, and circumstances of affairs, they thought it best and most advantageous for the Empire, That the Peace with the Crown of *France* be preserved by all the ways and means that may be conducing thereunto; The said French Minister has ever since been labouring to obtain a like Declaration from the Colledge of Princes, and that of the Towns; and for that purpose has presented several Memorials, but hitherto he has not been able to succeed therein, and is therefore much dissatisfied.

Francfort, July 18. Count *Waldeck* arrived here some days since, and having been in conference with the Imperial Ambassadors, he parted again the next day for *Cassel*. There passes nothing of moment in the Conferences here.

Cologne, July 24. Some days since arrived here the Sieur *Lente*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Denmark*, and yesterday he had Audience of the Elector of *Cologne*: His busin ss, as we are informed, is to desire his Electoral Highness's consent for the setting up a Toll at *Gluckstadt*, on the River *Elbe*, but it's believed he will hardly obtain it. To morrow or next day the Electoress Dowager Palatine is expected here. The Elector of *Cologne* intends to go the next week to *Bonne*, to pass some days there. The Prince of *Parma* continues still here.

Brussels, July 28 His Excellency returned hither from *Flanders* on Sunday last, very much satisfied with the Proceeding of the States of that Province, who have given 22000 Rations a day, for the next year, which amounts to a very great Sum, and is 100 Rations a day more than they gave the Prince of *Parma*, which is very extraordinary, considering the Losses that Province has suffered. His Excellency has been at *Ostend* and *Newport*, to see in what forwardness the new Fortifications that are making there are in, and has ordered a great Sluyce to be made at *Newport*, after the manner of that at *Ostend*, by means whereof all Vessels may pass from thence to *Bruges*, and 500 Men are daily at work upon it; they are likewise making a great Bastion to command the River and the said Sluyce, which will add very much to the strength of that place. From *Liege* we have advice that they have chosen their new Magistrates, and that the Party which has all along opposed their Prince, the Elector of *Cologne*, is now in possession of the Government

Hague, July 31. The Prince and Princess of *Orange* are now at *Dieren*, near which place his Highness will take a review of 16 Regiments of Horse and Foot, which for that purpose are drawn together there. Before his Highness returns hither it's said he will have another Interview with the Governor of the Spanish-Netherlands. There is now before the States-General a Project of a Treaty between the Emperor of *Morocco* and this State, and the several Provinces are to give in their opinions upon it.

Whitehal, July 28. The following Address having been presented to His Majesty, was very graciously received by His Majesty.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and obedient Subjects, the Grand-Jury for the County of Berks, at the Assizes holden at *Reading* the 17th day of *JULY*, 1682. having all seen or heard of a Paper produced at the Proceedings against the Earl of *SHAFTSBURY*, called the *ASSOCIATION*, do unanimously declare our Abhorrency and Detestation thereof, and that we do also from our hearts detest and abhor all manner of Associations and Combinations whatsoever which have not Your Majesties Commission and Allowance; and we do hereby promise to assist Your most Sacred Majesty (and Your Lawful Heirs and Successors) with our Lives and Fortunes, in the maintenance of the Government in Church and State as it is now Established by Law, against all Opposers whatsoever: And we do heartily pray for Your Majesties long Life, Health, and happy Reign over us; and we Present Your Majesty with our humble Thanks for the encouragement we have to put the Laws in execution against Papists, and all other Dissenters. We farther beg leave to Congratulate Your Majesty in the safe arrival of Your Royal Brother, hoping that henceforth neither the raging of the Sea, nor the madness of the People, shall ever disturb or divide