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*St. James's, May 28.*

**T**HIS being His Majesty's Birth Day, there was a very numerous and splendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility and other Persons of Distinction; and at Night there were Illuminations, bonfires, and other publick Demonstrations of Joy throughout London and Westminster.

*St. James's, May 31.* An humble Address of the Ministers and Elders in the Shires of Bamff, Murray, Nairn, and Inverness, met in a Provincial Assembly at Forres April 17, 1717. has been presented to His Majesty by Brigadier-General Grant, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Dorset.

*Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.*

*Cassel, May 20.* On the 18th Instant this Court went into Mourning for the Prince of Hesse-Philippstads second Son, who was Governour of a Fort near Rhinsels, and Colonel of a Regiment in the Landgrave's Service. This Day the Dutchess Dowager of Mecklenbourg, who had been here ever since the Muscovites came into that Country, set out on her Return to her Joynture Seat in Mecklenbourg. The Landgrave has written to Copenhagen, to desire a Pass for Colonel Rawe, who is to go back to Sweden as soon as he has got it, with Wine and such other Provisions for the Hereditary Prince of Hesse as are at present extreme scarce and dear in that Country. General Rank is daily expected from Sweden.

*Dresden, May 26.* On the 19th Instant at Night the King of Poland arrived here from Leipfick, having on his Way made a Visit to the Queen, and to Madame Royale. Prince William of Hesse-Cassel, and Velt-Marshal Fleming, came hither with the King. The Beginning of next Month his Majesty proposes to set out for Carelsbad, and will stay there about a Month. The Reduction of the Saxon Troops is begun; some intire Regiments will be disbanded, and the Number of Men in the rest lessened.

*Madrid, May 24.* The King, the Queen, and the Prince of Asturias, continue at Balsain near Segovia; but will remove to the Escorial the 3d of next Month. The King has signified to the Council of the Indies, his Resolution to suppress the Chamber of Contratacion at Seville, and to establish one instead of it at Cadiz, to consist of a few Persons, which are to be chosen by Don Joseph Patinno, who is to be the Director or President of this new Chamber of Commerce. The Jesuites have obtained of the King, that one of their Society shall have a Seat as Inquisitor in the Supreme Council, as the Order of Dominicans

have; and though this seems now to be only a personal Favour conferred on Father Marin, the Prince's Confessor, 'tis not doubted the Jesuites will get it established into a Custom to have always one of their Order at that Council. The King has given Direction for suppressing the two Universities of Barcelona and Lerida in Catalonia, and for erecting one in the Town of Cervera, to which several Privileges and Exemptions are granted; and the Jesuites have obtained, that one of the Professorships in this new University shall be supplied by their Fraternity. On the 22d the Duke of Liria set out from hence for Bourdeaux, where he is to meet his Father the Duke of Berwick. We have Advice, that the three Men of War built in Biscay, which by Strefs of Weather had been forced to put into Corunna, are arrived at Cadiz; but the fourth, which being much damaged put into Santander, is not yet ready to proceed to Cadiz. The Squadron designed for the Assistance of the Venetians this Summer, is now fitting out with all Expedition.

*Geneva, May 31.* We have Advice, that on the 26th Instant, the King of Sicily, with the Prince of Piemont, set out from Turin, and were expected at St. Jean de Mauriennes on the 29th. The Queen being indisposed remains at la Venerie, but will follow as soon as her Health will permit. On the 21st Cardinal Giudice, Protector of the Crown of Sicily, arrived at Turin, and took up his Lodgings in the House of the Jesuites: He had the same Night a private Audience of his Sicilian Majesty without any Ceremony, and 'tis said he has some important Matters to negotiate with that Court, before he sets out for Rome, whither he is going: Some report, that having a great Affection for the Republick of Genoa, he will use his Endeavours to adjust some late Misunderstanding between the King of Sicily and that State. His Sicilian Majesty's Ships of War and Gallies are arrived at Nice. We have Advice from Genoa, that the Portuguese Squadron designed to assist the Venetians this Summer against the Turks, was met at Sea last Week about 20 Leagues off Genoa, making sail towards the Levant. Some Letters from Rome say, they had an Account from Otranto, that 20 Sulfanas and 100 Saicks, or Transports, were arrived at Modon, where the rest of the Turkish Fleet was expected from the Dardanelles. The Council of this City have resolved to send a new Deputation to the Cantons of Zurich and Berne, upon an old Difference with the King of Sicily, about the Curate of Foncenex, who having obtained of the Senate of Chambery a Sentence in his Favour, has seized upon some of the Revenues belonging to this Town.