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Rome, April 25.

ON Monday last was held a private Consistory, in which several vacant Bishopricks were disposed of, the Pope appeared there very strong and vigorous, considering his great age; notwithstanding which, those that are nearest his person, very much fear he is not so well as he seems to be; the swelling in his legs, occasioned by a certain defluxion, and other weaknesses dayly increasing insensibly upon him.

At the instance of the Marquis d' Astorgas the Spanish Ambassador, here hath been some days since apprehended a Spanish Gentleman of good quality, for having made it in a manner his business, to talk up and down Town very indecently, and much to the dishonour of Don Pedro d' Arragon Vice-Roy of Naples. Touching the Resolutions of the Council of Spain, in the difference between the Princes Palestrina-Barberino, and Borghese, and the Constable of Colonna, we are informed they have thus determined it; that seeing they are all three Grandees of Spain, none of them ought to pretend above the others, and therefore that they be for the future treated alike; that the Princes Palestrina and Borghese, had great reason to refuse to be present in the Cavalcade at the reception of Don Pedro d' Arragon, late Ambassador of Obedience to this Court, because they would have treated them differently from the Constable, and not allowed them the place they did him at those solemnities; the said Council at Madrid hath farther declared, that hereafter on such occasions they shall take place alike; and that therefore at the public Audience which the Spanish Ambassador hath every year on St. Peters Eve of the Pope, to pay him the tribute for the Kingdom of Naples whether he goes accompanied by all the Ro. or Nobility, and attended by the Popes Guards, that neither the said Constable, or either of the other two Princes shall ride amongst those Guards; a thing the Constable pretends to, and of late hath had allowed him. Here hath lately happened some difference between the Fryers Minors of St. Francis Order, and the Dominicans, about removing the Standard of Santa Rosa de Lima, from St Peters Church to theirs, which hath occasioned so great a heat between them, as it is feared may prove of farther consequence.

Madrid, April 29. S. N. From Alicant they write the 13th instant, that they had received Letters from Sir Edward Spragg, giving an account, that he was still at Port Mahon, but that having now refitted his Frigats, he intended to be very speedily before Argiers. From Malaga of the 14th instant, that some days before the Jersey and Guernsey Frigats put in there, with 25 sayl of Merchant men under their Convoy from the Levant.

Don Aniolo de Guzman, youngest Son to the late

Duke de Medina de las Torres, and married to the eldest Daughter and Heiress of the Marquis Castell Rodrigo, is nominated by the Queen to succeed the Prince of Parma, as General of the Horse in Catalonia, upon the removal of that Prince. The Queen after having had many addresses made to her by several persons of Quality for the Government of Antwerp, lately voyd by the death of Don Antonio Pimentelli, hath thought fit to bestow it on the Marquis de Osera, to the disappointment of the rest of the pretenders. The Marquis of Montroy is called hither from Flanders, her Majesty having been pleased to make him Councillor of war, and one of the Mayordomo's of the Palace.

On Sunday last the Sacrament passing by the French Ambassadors door in Procession, his Excellency, as the practice is of persons of quality on such occasions, sent six of his Pages with lighted Torches in their hands to attend the Hostie, who going about to precede the Pages of the Duke d' Albuquerque, who were there upon the same score, a warm dispute arose between them; the French Pages finding themselves too weak and unable to make good their ground, retired home; but immediately returned again, better provided with Arms, and stronger in number then before, and coming up with the others fired their Pistols and Carabines; the Spaniards that followed the Procession, being much incensed thereat, drew their swords, killed two of the French, and dangerously wounded several others; both parties being thus exasperated, they proceeded so far, as to threaten to pull down the Ambassadors House, from which they were hardly withheld by the Officers and Soldiers, who in the beginning of the tumult, were sent to protect his Excellencies Family from the violence of the multitude; at length, upon the approach of the Queens Guards, and some persons of Authority, all things were appeased again; the Ambassador hath been since to make complaint to the Queen hereof, who having expressed her self much troubled at what had happened; assured him, she would take care all imaginable satisfaction should be given him in the matter.

Dantzick, May 2. The Letters of the 25th past from Warsaw tell us, that the Commissioners assembled at Radom, for the satisfying the arrears of the Army, had fully concluded that matter, and were returning thither, which being a matter of so great importance, had caused a general joy and satisfaction there; that they had certain advice of Dorofensko's being rendezvouz'd with a considerable body of Cossacks within 5 miles of Caminiee, which leaves them full of apprehensions of some design he hath upon that place, and that thereupon the Militia of the Kingdom was ordered to be in readines to march upon the first Summons; that Prince Wisnowitski Lieutenant General of the Army, and Uncle to the present King, is at last, after the many delays that have hitherto retarded it, to be Married at Warsaw, to the Niece of General Sobiesky, where preparations are making for the entertainment of Ten thousand men.

Our last Letters from Moscow tell us, that the Rebels are very strong and preparing to take the Field,

Field; so that by that, as well as what we hear from other hands, we must judge those Countries not to be in so good a posture as was formerly reported.

Cologne, May 12. Here is arrived the Count de Windigraz, late Envoy from the Emperor to his most Christian Majesty on his way home: Some days since our Magistrates deputed two of their Body towards our Elector, to let him know, that they had maturely considered of the four points he had proposed to them, but desired him to propound some easier way then yet he had done, for the composing the present misunderstandings.

Yesterday went from hence the Count de Vaudemour, with several other persons of quality for Munster, to receive as is said the Lorrain Troops, at present in the Service of that Bishop, into that of our Electors. The Duke of Lorrain together with his Dutchess and the rest of his Family are gone to Bonne, intending to reside there for some time. Our Elector continues still at Breuil, much recovered of his late illness, his Physicians telling us, he may in few days be abroad again.

We are certainly told, that some of the Bishop of Munsters Troops are on their march hither, having to that end desired leave of those Princes, whose Countries they are to pass; what will be the conclusion of all this noise, we still very much apprehend, and must leave to time to discover.

Brussels, May 14. His Excellency the Count de Monterey continues still at Bruges, not being expected here for some time yet. His most Christian Majesty intends, as we are told, within few days to remove from Dunkirke with his Camp for Lisle; where he will stay eight days, and then go for Aeth: It is said that Sickness grows very much in the French Army, of which many of the Soldiers daily die; and that it is thought that may likewise induce the King to leave that place sooner than perhaps he would otherwise have done. The Prince de Maminis is not yet gone hence, his Equipage not being quite ready. All things are here at present very still, and people begin to discourse less of war than formerly they did.

Amsterdam, May 15. The Admiralties have, as is said, received orders from the States, to cause such of our Fleet as are ready, to sail immediately towards the place of their Rendezvous, between Ostend and Zealand, where it is thought they may keep their Station most of the Summer. We speak here again of forming two Bodies of an Army, the one to be encamped along the River Issel, the other near Bergen op Zoom; the former to be commanded, (notwithstanding what was said of his having quitted the States Service) by the Velt-Marshal Wurts; but who may have the command of the other is not known; Comte Maurice of Nassau, who by the general vote is designed for that charge, being at present absent at Berlin.

The East India Company have resolved to make a Dividend to the Participants or Sharers of 45 l. per Cent. on the 1 of June next, and of 15 per Cent. more at the arrival of their Ships, expected home this year.

Hague, May 15. The 12th instant the Duke of Saxon Lauwenburgh, went hence with intentions of visiting the most remarkable places in Brabant and the adjacent parts, and so to return hither again. The young Electoral Prince Palatine hath been some days in Town, though so privately, as not to have visited any but his Highness the Prince of Orange, and the Princess Dowager, by whom he was very kindly received, and treated at two several times; the 13th instant he parted from hence for Amsterdam,

where after some few days, he will proceed on his way for Hambrough, and so for Denmark.

We are told that the States have given order for the marching of two Regiments more towards Zealand, and some other Frontier places towards Flanders, in the possession of this State, besides the 21 Companies formerly said to have been sent from hence, to be quartered in Sluys, and those other places thereabouts.

Here is a report as if the Lorrain Troops who have been this Winter in the Service of the Bishop of Munster, were since the conclusion of the Preliminaries, to pass into the service of the Elector of Cologne. From Munster we have received a particular confirmation of the great fire lately happened there, which had consumed the greatest part of the Town, and done unspeakable damage to the Inhabitants: The Deputies of Lunenburgh and of Munster are not yet come to Bilefelt, the place appointed for the Treaty, but are daily expected.

Whitehal, May 9. This Morning about seven of the Clock, Four men coming to Mr. Edwards, Keeper of the Jewel House in the Tower, desired to see the Regal Crown remaining in his Custody, he carries them into the Room where they were kept, and shows them; but according to the villainous design they it seems came upon, immediately they clap a Gag of a strange form into the old mans mouth; who making what Noise and Resistance he could, they Stabbed him a deep wound in the Belly with a Stiletto, adding several other dangerous wounds on the Head with a small Beetle they had with them, as is believed, to beat together and flatten the Crown, to make it the more easy portable; which having, together with the Ball, put into Bags, they had to that purpose brought with them; they fairely walked out, leaving the old man groaveling on the ground, gagged and pinnioned; thus they passed by all the Sentinels, till in the mean time the Son in Law of Mr. Edwards, casually passing by, and hearing the door shut, and some buile, went in to look what it might be, where he found his old Father in the miserable condition they had left him; whereupon running out in all hast, and crying to stop the Authors of this horrid Villany, the persons began to hasten more then ordinary; which the last Sentinel perceiving, and hearing the noise, bid them stand; but in stead of standing, to give an account of themselves, one of them fires a Pistol at the Sentinel, and he his Musket at them; which gave the alarm so, as with the pursuit of Mr. Edwards's Son in law, two of the Malefactors were immediately seized, two more, with another that held their Horses without the Tower-Gate escaped: With the two that were taken, were found the Crown and Ball, onely some few Stones missing, which had been loosened in the beating the Crown together with the Mallet or Beetle spoken off.

These two being brought down to Whitehal, by His Majesties command, one of them proves to be Blood, that notorious Traytor and Incendiary, who was Outlawed for the Rebellion in Ireland, eight years ago; and the other was one Perrot, a Dyer in Thames street. Within two hours after, a third was apprehended, as he was escaping on Horsback, who proves to be Thomas Hunt, mentioned in His Majesties Proclamation, for the discovering of the persons who some time since committed that horrid attempt upon his Grace the Duke of Ormond, but is indeed Son to the said Blood; who with great impudency confesses, that they two were with Seven others in that action. They are all three sent close prisoners to the Tower for the present.