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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. 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 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 Excellences 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,