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Naples, July 9, N. S.

THE Barbary Pirates infest so much these Seas, that besides having seized on several Neapolitan Vessels, they made a Descent lately at Cape d'Otranto, and carried off eleven Persons, besides a good Quantity of Booty. This extraordinary Attempt has induced the Court to provide against the like for the future; and accordingly the principal Merchants of this City were summoned before the General of the Gallies, to consult the proper Expedients, who came to a Determination to ask the King's Leave to fit out every Year two large Settee Cruizers, to be kept at Sea from the Month of March to October, and to beg he would grant them the necessary Artillery, Ammunition, and Soldiers, the Merchants obliging themselves to furnish the Vessels, and to provide for the Maintenance and Pay of the Crew. In the Evenings of the 4th and 6th Instant, two violent Storms happened in this City, followed by Thunder and Lightning, which damaged divers Houses and Buildings, and disabled and killed several Persons. On the 5th Cardinal Orsini, attended by his Retinue, set out from this City on his Return to Rome, and on his Arrival and Departure from Capua, was saluted by the firing of 22 Cannon, in Honour of his being appointed Protector of the Two Sicilies to the Court of Rome. The King has notified to the Magistrate of Health, that several Vessels laden with Goods were departed from Alexandria, Salonicco, Cyprus, &c. infected with the Plague; in Consequence of which, circular Letters were sent to the Coast and Ports of this Kingdom to prevent their being admitted. A Project being upon the Tapis to dismiss Part of the King's Troops, Directions from the Court has been given to M. del Rio, the Inspector General, to form a Plan for that Purpose, who has made the following Proposals, viz. to dismiss the Swiss Troops, excepting those of the King's Life Guards; or to discharge ten Men of each Company of Veteran

Troops, and 40 out of each Company of the Militia. This Day their Majesties, with the Royal Family, attended by their respective Retinues, returned to this City from Portici.

Hague, July 30, N. S. Things continue at present very quiet in this Province, and it is to be hoped, that every Body will readily submit to the new Regulations resolved upon by the States of Holland. Tho' the publick Tranquillity is restor'd in this, and in some of the other Provinces, yet the Disturbances daily increase in Friesland. The Prince of Orange intended to have gone thither himself, to put an End to these Disturbances; but it has been thought proper to send a Deputation first from the States General, to try, if possible, to appease them; and 'tis said, that besides Mess. Tersma and Schimmelpenninck, Mr. Charles Bentinck is to be appointed for this Commission; and that several Regiments are ordered to march that Way.

General Post-Office, July 12, 1748.

Publick Notice is hereby given, That the Correspondence by Letters between these Kingdoms and the Kingdom of France, is now open, and that the first Mail for the said Kingdom of France, will be forwarded from this Office upon Monday next, the 18th of this Instant July.

And farther Notice is hereby given, that the said Mails for the Kingdom of France will continue for the future to go out from hence upon the Monday and Thursday of every Week, and that they will convey all Letters to and from Spain, Italy, Sicily, Switzerland, Turkey, and his Majesty's Island of Minorca, as usual heretofore in former Times of Peace.

By Command of the Postmaster General,
Geo. Shelvocke, Secy.

The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give Notice, That a General Court will be held at the Bank, on Thursday next the 28th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, being one of the Quarterly General Courts appointed by their Charter.

Robert Lewin, Secretary.

(Price Four-pence.)

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