

cy's House was magnificently illuminated upon this Occasion, and a fine Room built in his Garden, large enough to contain all the Company, which was very numerous. On the 8th the Contract of Marriage was signed with the usual Ceremonies; at Night a Firework was played off before the Palace, and afterwards their Majesties, attended by the Court and Foreign Ministers, went to hear a Serenata in the Salon de los Reynos, which was for that Purpose form'd into a Theatre, and elegantly fitted up. On the 9th the Chevalier Ossorio gave a third Entertainment: After a grand Refresco, there was as before a Ball, which continued till the Company went to Supper, and afterwards beginning again, lasted till Five o'Clock in the Morning. On the 10th a Firework was played off before the Duke of Medina Celi's House, who invited all the Nobility, &c. upon this Occasion, and when the Fireworks were over, entertained them with a Spanish Comedy in his own Theatre. On the 12th in the Evening the Ceremony of the Espousals was performed with great Solemnity: At Night an Opera, called *Armida Placata*, was represented at Court, the Decorations were entirely new, and the Orchestra, which consisted of at least fifty Hands, was cloathed in a rich Uniform. On the 13th there was a *Befa Manos* at Court; in the Evening their Majesties and the Infants went in publick to the Convent of *Nuestra Senora de Atocha*, and remaining there till it was dark, proceeded afterwards to the Plaza Mayor, which they found finely illuminated, with a grand Firework in the Middle, prepared at the Town's Expence. On the 14th the Serenata was performed a second Time in the Salon de los Reynos; and next Day, about Five o'Clock in the Evening, the whole Court set out for *Alcala*; (whither, as has been before mentioned, they were to accompany the Infanta) this Place is one of the most considerable Universities in Spain, and about six Leagues distant from Madrid. Their Majesties and the Infants arrived there at Seven, and were lodged in a fine Palace belonging to the Infante Cardinal, as Archbishop of Toledo. Next Morning they went to visit several of the principal Churches, and then returned to Dinner at the Palace, where likewise a magnificent Entertainment was prepared for the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and People of Distinction, who followed the Court upon this Occasion. After Dinner, the Time fixed for the Infanta, now Dutches of Savoy, to proceed upon her Journey, drawing near, she came out of her Apartment, and passed into the King's, to take a final Leave of his Majesty, the Queen, and Infante Cardinal, who were all, as well as her Highness, extremely moved upon this Occasion; they remained together for some Time, and then parting with the utmost Tokens of Concern, her Highness set out immediately for *Guadalaxara*, where she was to lie that Night; and their

Majesties returned a few Hours after to Madrid. His Majesty has been pleased, upon Occasion of these Nuptials, to dispose of the vacant Collars in the Order of the Golden Fleece, which were Yesterday given to the following Noblemen, viz. the Marquis of Villa Franca, Mayordomo Mayor; the Duke of Bejar, Lord of the Bed-Chamber; Don Joseph Carvajal y Lancaster, Minister of State; the Marquis del'Ertenada, Secretary of State, and Don Lucas Spinola, Captain General.

*Copenhagen, April 21.* Two Edicts have been published here, the first of which relates to the Succession to the Effects of Persons dying in this Kingdom, where their Heirs live in Foreign Countries; and the second gives Liberty to the Inhabitants of the Dutchies of Sleswick and Holstein, and of those of the Lordship of Pinnebergh, whose Houses are at a certain Distance from any Churches, to christen their Children at Home, without being obliged to pay any Thing for it. M. Reventlau, Counsellor of Conferences, has been appointed one of the King's Chamberlains. His Majesty has not yet disposed of the Employment which became vacant by the Death of the Count de Schulin, but M. Berkentin, one of his Majesty's Privy-Counsellors, continues to act as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

*Copenhagen, April 25.* Their Danish Majesties intend next Tuesday to remove from hence to Friedensburg, where the Queen is to remain whilst the King visits his small Islands in the Baltick. No Day is yet fixed for his Majesty's setting out upon that Progress, but it will be probably in the Month of June. Count Schulin's Body has lain in State, and was this Day interred with all the Ceremonies due to his Rank. The Hereditary Prince of Anhalt Cothen arrived here on the 21st Instant, and is entered into the Service of Denmark, being placed as a Supernumerary Captain in the Horse Guards. It is imagined that he is to marry the young Princess of Culmbach, the Queen Dowager's Niece.

*Dresden, April 22.* On the 20th Instant their Polish Majesties set out from hence for Warsaw. The Minister Count Bruhl set out the Day before for one of his Estates in Upper Lusatia, about fourteen German Miles distant from this Place, in order to receive their Majesties, who propose to rest there the first Night. The Electoral Prince and Princess are going to Pilnitz, and the Princes Havier and Charles to St. Annaburgh, to take the Diversion of Hunting.

*Paris, April 24.* The King has appointed the Count de Mailly, Lieutenant General and Governor of Roussillon, to go to Catalonia to compliment the Infanta, future Spouse of the Duke of Savoy, and to deliver to her Highness the Presents which his Majesty sends her. A Reform has been lately made of 12 Men out of each Company of the French Regiment of Guards. The King has appointed the Marquis d'Argouges,