

have formerly granted, and I have nothing to ask but the usual Supplies.

I am commanded by the King to acquaint you, that His Majesty, ever attentive to the Ease and Happiness of His Subjects, will graciously consent, and recommends it to you, that such a Part of the Money now remaining in His Treasury, as shall be thought consistent with the Publick Service, be applied towards the further Reduction of the National Debt.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

The two great Objects which demand your constant and most serious Attention are, the Security of the Protestant Interest, and the Advancement of your Trade. It must necessarily occur to you, how much the Support of the Charter-Schools, and the Encouragement of your Linnen Manufactures, will contribute to the Attainment of these important Ends, and what further Provisions may be expedient, will be the Subject of your Deliberations. My Conduct shall convince you, that nothing on my Part shall be wanting, that may effectuate His Majesty's gracious Intentions, to make His Subjects of Ireland as happy, as I know them to be dutiful and loyal.

*Lisbon, Sept. 17.* We are assured, that the Cession of the Island of St. Sacrament, which was made to the Crown of Spain during the preceding Reign, has been approved and confirmed by his present Majesty, on the Conditions stipulated in the Treaty concluded between his late Majesty, and that Crown.

*Petersbourg, Sept. 26.* There is no Appearance at present of any Alterations being to be made in the Situation of our Troops quartered on the Frontiers of Finland; on the Contrary, Orders have been lately sent thither, for filling all the Magazines with Provisions and Forage. 'Tis generally believed the Court's Journey to Moscow this Year is laid aside, at least there are not as yet any Preparations at all making for it.

*Naples, Sept. 27.* On the 19th Instant, being the Festival of St. Gennaro, the King, attended by the Knights of that Order in their Robes, performed the usual publick Ceremony and Procession in the Royal Chapel; and, in the Afternoon, after having visited the Cathedral Church, set out with the Queen and the Royal Family for Portici. A Proposal is laid before the King for opening a new Street from the Castle dell'Ovo, to the Garrison of Pizzo Falcone.

*Rome, Sept. 27.* Last Week arrived in this City, Part of the Baggage of the Chevalier Capello, the new Venetian Ambassador to the Pope, who is expected shortly to arrive here. On the 20th Instant the Pope held a Consistory, in which he appointed the Bishop of Messina to be Archbishop of Jerusalem. On the 21st the Cardinals Alexander Albani and Mellini had an Audience of the Pope, in Consequence of some Dispatches they had received from the Court of Vienna. The same Night the French Ambassador received a Courier from his Court, with Notice, that the Dauphiness had, on the 12th Instant, been brought to Bed of a Prince; which Event the Ambassador, in a publick Audience, attended by the Gentlemen of the College of Cardinals, those of the Foreign Ministers, and 37 Prelates, communicated to the Pope. The Duke de Nivernois who

was on his Departure for France, has suspended that Journey; and, agreeable to the Directions he has received from his Court, is making the necessary Dispositions for publick Rejoycings on this Occasion. We have received Advice from Nani, a small Town in the Province of Umbria, that on the 23d and 24th two small Shocks of an Earthquake were felt there, and in that Neighbourhood; but that they had happily gone off without doing any considerable Damage.

*Florence, Oct. 1.* In Consequence of an Attempt which the Barbary Pyrates made a few Days ago, to carry off forceably a Neapolitan Vessel then at Anchor under a small Tower on the Coast of Tuscany, from which Attempt they were obliged to desist by the Fire which was made upon them from the Tower, and by which several Moors were killed, the Regency sent last Week express Orders to Port Ferrajo, to fit out, with the utmost Expedition, one of the Emperor's three Ships of War to cruize on these Coasts, and to keep those Corsairs in Awe.

*Parma, Oct. 1.* On Sunday last Cardinal Portocarrero arrived here from Rome, with a Retinue of 40 Persons, and the next Day waited on the Duke and Dutchess at Colono, who received him with all possible Marks of Distinction. The Ceremony of his Baptizing the young Princess, is fixed for the 17th Instant; and, according to the Preparations that are making on this Occasion, it will be very magnificent.

*Leghorn, Oct. 2.* The common People here have lately rose in a very tumultuous Manner upon the Jews, alledging that they had fired upon a Priest at whose House three Jewish Women had retired in order to embrace the Christian Religion; and the Disturbances were carried so far, that the Governor was obliged to draw out the Garrison before the Tumult could be appeased.

*Zerbst, Oct. 6.* The Distemper amongst the Horned Cattle continuing to carry off great Numbers of them in some of the neighbouring Provinces, the Princess our Sovereign has caused an Ordonnance to be published, forbidding under very severe Penalties, the bringing any Horned Cattle to our approaching Fair, unless it appears by authentick Certificates, that they neither come from, or have passed by any Place where the said Distemper now rages.

*Vienna, Oct. 9.* On the 4th Instant the Emperor's Name-day was celebrated at Schonbrun with great Magnificence; on which Occasion the Court was extremely brilliant, and their Majesties dined in Publick, with the young Archduke and Archdutchesses. The Assembly of the States of Lower Austria is fixed for the 16th Instant at Schonbrun, where the Propositions to be made by her Imperial Majesty will be laid before them; after which they are to adjourn to their Assembly-Room in this City, in order to take them into Consideration. Last Week a grand Conference was held at Field Marshal Count Konigseck's, at which Prince Lobkowitz, and several other General Officers assisted, wherein it was determined what Number of Troops are to be quartered in each of the Hereditary Provinces. Prince Charles of Lorraine will set out from hence on the 17th Instant for Brussels, the necessary Relays of Horses upon the Road being already ordered.