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Naples, November 28.

**O**N the 6th Instant at Night, Seven Moors, who attended the Chief Officers of the Court at Portici, having broke open the Wharf where the King's Barge, and the Bark which attends the King when he goes a Fishing, are laid, made their Escape in the latter. Several Vessels were immediately sent after them, but without Success. Last Week the Dukes of Civita Saint Angelo, and of Lavriano Saint Felice, were, by the King's express Orders, confined, the former to his Country Seat, for refusing, after repeated Promises, to marry the young Marchioness Malaspina; and the latter, for keeping Company with a Woman, contrary to the Bishop's Inhibition, whom, on that Account, he had greatly abused. On the 18th their Majesties and the Royal Family returned to this City from Portici, in perfect Health.

*Florence, Nov. 30.* Yesterday the Regency caused an Edict to be published, prohibiting, for the future, all Kind of Show and Expence in making of Nuns, which used to be carried to great Excess. Orders of the same Nature were published last Month at Rome, the chief View of which, in both Places, seems to be that of preventing, or at least lessening the Number of young Women who might make themselves Nuns, many of whom were allured purely by the Pomp made for them on that Occasion. The Pope, with the same View, very lately fixed the Age for Girls to embrace that Life, to that of Eighteen Years, which before was frequently performed at an Age when they were incapable of judging for themselves. It is said that an extraordinary Tax of Six per Cent. will be laid on Land, as well as upon the Actions of the Publick Funds, to be paid in two Years, and to take Place from the 1st of December, in order to defray the Expences of turning the Road of Leghorn, so as to avoid a Mountain, which makes the Passage thither inconvenient; as likewise for the repairing the Roads of Arezzo, which in Winter are almost impassable; and it

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is believed, that a Canal will be cut from Florence to Signa, a Place about Seven Miles Distance, for the Convenience of bringing or sending Goods both from and to Leghorn by Water, which, in the Summer Time, for Want of a sufficient Quantity in the River, were brought from thence to Florence, as well as carried as far as that Place, by Land, towards Leghorn. Last Week a Battalion of the First Tuscan Regiment returned hither from Leghorn, to receive new Regimentals, and, agreeable to the Emperor's new Regulation, to relieve alternately the other Regiments in Garrison. On the 27th at Night a Courier arrived here from Rome, with the Notice of the Promotion of Cardinals; on which Occasion the following Nuncios were appointed, viz.

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| Monf. Crivelli, | — | — | — | Vienna.      |
| Gualtieri,      | — | — | — | Paris.       |
| Caraccioli,     | — | — | — | Madrid.      |
| Acciaïoli,      | — | — | — | Portugal.    |
| Branciforte,    | — | — | — | Venice.      |
| Molinari,       | — | — | — | Brussels.    |
| Oddi,           | — | — | — | at Cologne.  |
| Spinola,        | — | — | — | at Lucerna.  |
| Salviati,       | — | — | — | at Malta.    |
| Passionci,      | — | — | — | at Avignon.  |
| Serra,          | — | — | — | Poland.      |
| Biglia,         | — | — | — | at Florence. |
| Pallavicini,    | — | — | — | Naples.      |

The Prelates appointed to carry the Cardinals Caps to the new Cardinals absent, are,

- Monf. Petroni to Vienna.
- D'Ada to France.
- Regio to Portugal.
- Aragona to Spain.
- Veterani to Urbino.

*Genoa, Dec. 3.* Letters from Bastia of the 22d past, retract that M. Matra had put to Death the Person who murdered M. Gafforio in Corsica, and say, that the Murderers had made their Escape, and, it was conjectured, had taken Refuge in some Place of the Republick's Dominions on the Terra Firma; and that the Chief of the Malecontents have had a Meeting on this Occasion, in which it was agreed to put a Stop