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WEDNESDAY, November 1, 1749.

MOSCOW, July 2.

HE court has sent orders to Petersburg; that the 20 new ships, the erection whereof was finished by its own appointment, have been ready to put to sea above these two months; and that the corps of Cossacks and Calmucks, consisting of about 5000 men, were sent into garrison in the duchy of Novogrod, and the parts adjacent.

The troops which are returned from Bohemia are now actually in their quarters, on the frontiers of the duchy of Courland; but they can be summoned to their place of rendezvous in less than a fortnight, in case of an emergent occasion.

Naples, July 8. The frigate which was sent to Barcelona returned a few days ago with one hundred chests of silver, containing each 1500 pistres; which is said will be employed in building several men of war and frigates in the ports of this kingdom, for the service of the king of Spain.

Dantzick, July 9. A Russian squadron, consisting of 21 ships of the line, and several frigates, arrived last week at the bar of the Vistula, before any notice had been given by an express of their setting sail from Livonia. Several officers and sailors arrive here every day, not only to buy up provisions, but other wares and commodities of divers kinds. On Monday next, being the festival of St. Peter, according to the Russian simonack, vice-admiral Bears, who is commandant of that squadron, proposes to make a grand entertainment on board; to which the agent of his court, together with a great number of Polish nobility who are resident in this city, are formally invited.

Parma, July 10. We have lately felt an earthquake in this city, which at first we thought had been attended with no ill consequences; but some few days afterwards it was observed that the castle of Sala had suffer'd very much; and the damage having been enquired into, is found to be considerable.

Rome, July 19. We are inform'd, that the Pretender's son continues still incog. at Venice.

Leghorn, July 12. Several ships have lately arrived here from different places, laden with all sorts of goods; so that the trade, which languished some time on account of the quarantine, which ships from this port were obliged to perform, begins to flourish again.

Letters from Algiers advise, that the regency of that city have recalled all the pyrates that were out upon the cruize, in order to employ them in the defence of the port, which is fortifying in all the places where a decent can be attempted, and that lines are making all round the town to defend the avenues, in which works all the Christian slaves for above thirty leagues round are employed.

Lisbon, July 16. His Portuguese majesty was seized with raving fits during divine service, and was thereupon taken out of the church, and continued extremely ill some time; but his majesty is now much better.

Venice, July 19. The government having caused a large quantity of wheat to be bought on Terra Firma, to supply the public magazine, it was happily perceived, in emptying the sacks, that poison was mix'd amongst it; whereupon it was all burnt in the Place of St. Mark. The master of the vessel, who brought this wheat by the canal of Brenta, having absconded, there is great reason to suspect him of having made so criminal a mixture. The senate has promised a reward of one thousand ducats for apprehending him, or any of his accomplices.

An Extract of a Letter from a foreign Minister at Paris, dated July 20.

"Letters from Madrid by the last post advise, that Mr. Keene, the British minister there, has not the success in his negotiation that was expected. The convention which he has

concluded with the Spanish ministry, has only relation to the interest of the South sea company, the affair of the schedule, the tonnage of the annual ship, and the respective securities for preventing complaints and cavillings, as well on the part of the company as on the part of Spain. As to the 950000 l. Sterling, the unhappy occasion of the last war between the two crowns, we do not hear that any mention has been made of it in this convention; neither has the grand article of navigation in America been thereby regulated; but on the contrary, we are positively told, that this article has not been so much as touch'd upon: It is therefore apprehended, that things will not long remain in the state they are in; but that this affair continuing unsettled, will be the cause of a fresh war. The court of Spain, after the example of several other European courts, is busy in regulating its finances; and for that purpose puts the same means in practice: Its debts are very considerable, being made to amount to more than 250 millions of French livres, exclusive of the arrears which are due to the officers of the troops."

Paris, July 21. The king having given orders for the principal events of the late war to be painted in the gallery of the castle of Versailles; the celebrated painter, who is honoured with this grand work, has begun with the representations of the battles of Fontenoy, Raucoux, and Lafeldt, and the taking of Bergen op Zoom.

Hague, July 24. The tax which has been provisionally established upon families, for supplying the place of those imposts suppressed by the abolition of the farms, is levied with good success in some cities; but in some others, the government has not thought fit to proceed to the laying of this tax at all; and in others, where it has been levied in part, it has been suspended for some time as to the remaining part; the preservation of the public tranquillity requiring this kind of conduct, which by that means insensibly re-establishes itself, and will certainly in time bring great facility in putting the finances upon a good footing, and consequently the republic in a respectable condition, which other methods would never have effected.

Paris, July 25. This court and that of Great-Britain will speedily appoint commissioners for regulating the limits of Acadia.

As the sieur Ranche, has voluntarily resigned his intendance or government of Martinico, the sieur Huron, one of the counsellors of the parliament, has been nominated and appointed, as the most proper person to fill up that vacancy.

It is assured that the Jews here have presented a petition to the king, for leave to build a synagogue in this city; and that in consideration thereof, they then offer to give to the poor of the hospital 15000 livres per annum.

July 26. His excellency the earl of Albemarle arrived here yesterday, and it is supposed will be on Monday or Tuesday next at Compeigne to have his audience.

Frankfort, July 27. A great quantity of corn has been lately brought into these parts, in order to be transported into Lorrain, and the other provinces of France, to supply the people's wants there, and prevent a famine.

Hague, July 30. M. Lestevenon, lord of Berkenrode and Stryen, having proposed to go ambassador from the republic to the court of France, their high mightinesses have approved of him, and appointed him their ambassador accordingly.

July 31. The states have just taken a resolution that the lords of the regency, and their families, shall be exhorted to wear for the future only the stuffs manufactured in the country, and to conform in this respect to the example of their royal and serene highnesses.

Parma, July 19. Affairs at present bear but a very gloomy aspect here; a general discontent appears in every countenance, and the prince, we hear, is greatly chagrined. His highness has