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✿✿✿ ACCORDING to Letters from Hanover, they seem to be pretty positive that his Britannic Majesty will go over early next Spring, in order to accelerate by his Presence the Election of the Archduke Joseph to the Dignity of King of the Romans. They likewise say, that a Minister Plenipotentiary will forthwith be nominated, and ample Instructions given him; and that he is to repair first to the Court of Bavaria, and then to the Electors of Cologne and Mentz, in order to make such Propositions as may keep them in the Interest of the Court of Vienna, and prevail on them to favour the said Election. It also appears by these Letters, that they don't yet despair of bringing the King of Prussia into a right Way of thinking. The Minister of the Archbishop of Saltzburg, as President of the College of Princes, having lately laid before them the Scheme for a perpetual Capitulation, to the Observation of which the Emperors are to bind themselves by Oath at their Election, there was a Division: Several Ministers were for proceeding upon that Affair without Delay, whilst others tho't it more advisable to put it off till after the Vacation, that in the Interim they might receive more explicit Instructions, to guide them in a Matter of such Importance.

*August 31.*

The List lately published at Peterburg, of the Russian Fleet, makes it consist of fourscore Men of War and Frigates, exclusive of Gallies and lesser Vessels; but the Orders for equipping and sending a Squadron to Sea this Summer are countermanded, the Disposition made for augmenting the Troops is changed, and the Swedish Minister not only well receiv'd, but highly caressed at Court.—Notwithstanding which, some Disturbances reign at Stockholm, where there are two Parties, one of which, being much the most powerful, is accused of spreading false and scandalous Reports, in order to exasperate the Nation against the Russians, not only in respect to the Fire which lately happened there, but also in regard to the injurious Designs of the Russian Court, and that the Moderation which the Russian Ministry affects, is put on with no other View than to lull the Swedes into a Security, and prevent them from taking any vigorous Resolution at the approaching Diet.

Intrigues in Germany increase about the Election of a King of the Romans, which will soon be brought upon the Carpet. Several Princes of the Germanic Body, who are not of Opinion that this Election should take Place in the Manner proposed, are united, under Pretext of maintaining the fundamental Constitutions of the Empire, of preventing any Deviation therefrom, and of adhering to the Tenor of the Treaty of Westphalia.—His Prussian Majesty has appointed the Lord Marshal (Brother of Field-Marshal Keith) his Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Court of France; and at the same Time conferred on him the Order of the Black Eagle.

The Empress of Russia has notified to the her Intention of sending an Ambassador to the good Intelligence and Harmony between the two Courts.

The Court of Naples has been alarmed by the Earthquake, which happened there last Monday, and considerable Damage at several Places, and particularly at Palermo, where the Damage is computed above 100000 Crowns.—That 800 Workmen are arrived at Massa Carrara, in order to work at the new

Port. the Duke of Modena is going to make at the Mouth of the River Lavenza.—After the Chevalier Chauvelin and the Marquis de Curzay had communicated to the Deputies of the Corporations of Corsica, the Conditions which the King of France had obtained for them, in order to secure their future Felicity and Tranquility, they then made the Deputies sensible, that those Conditions could be no otherwise fulfilled, than as they were granted by a Power that had a Right to confer the Privileges they were to enjoy hereafter; that his most Christian Majesty, in Quality of Mediator between them and the Republic, could do nothing more than endeavour to procure those Privileges; that the Republic of Genoa being the only lawful Power Providence had set over them, it was of her they must hold their Advantages; but that the King, to give them fresh Instances of his Kindness and Protection, would take upon him to guarantee all that had been granted them, and look to the Execution thereof. All the Deputies declared that they acquiesced with the profoundest Respect in every Thing his most Christian Majesty required of them; and then signed an Instrument, which they swore by the holy Gospels to observe, and wherein they declare, That they acknowledge the Republic of Genoa for their sole and lawful Sovereign, return to the Obedience they owe her as such, and renounce all contrary Proceedings, of whatever Nature they may be. The Republic being thus reinstated in all her Rights, does, on her Part, grant them the Privileges and Advantages obtained for them by the King of France, which are as favourable as can be desired. The Marquis de Curzay is to remain in the Island with a Body of French Troops, in order to prevent any Infraction of the new Regulation.

Letters from Madrid advise, that through the indefatigable Pains of Mr. Keene, the Negotiation which that Minister was employed in at the Court of Spain, is very near being brought to a happy Issue. The Spanish Ministry is well disposed thereto, and as it is well known that England wants nothing so much as to strengthen the Bands of Friendship which should unite the two Nations, one may reasonably expect soon to see a second Convention, which will put a final End to that Jealousy which has subsisted Time out of Mind between them.

There is much Talk of strengthening the Alliance which has subsisted from the Origin of the Dutch Republic, between it and Great Britain: One of the Steps designed to be taken for that Purpose is, 'tis said, to marry the Princess Caroline, Daughter of the Stadtholder, to the Prince of Wales. 'Tis even assured, that this will be a Point of Deliberation of the extraordinary Assembly of the States of Holland, whose Consent and Approbation his Serene Highness will demand; but 'tis believ'd they will not give it, without certain Restrictions, one of which, 'tis pretended, will be, that the Princess and her Consort shall be obliged to renounce, for themselves and their Descendants, all Right and Pretension, either to the Stadtholdership of Holland, or that of the Generality.

*September 7.*

The Northern Regions are still in a pacific Situation: For most of the Deputies of the Provinces of Sweden, who were elected at the last Diet, have been now rechosen, and it is not doubted but that the Baron Nögren de Stjernberg, who was Marshal then, will be so again: Besides, Colonel Panin, Minister from Russia, has delivered Letters to the King and Queen, on the Part of the Empress his Mistress, to congratulate their Majesties upon their Accession to the Throne of Sweden; however, the Maritime and Land Forces of Russia remain upon the same Footing, and will do so, till the Court of Petersburg sees what Turn the Affairs of the approaching Diet of Sweden will take.