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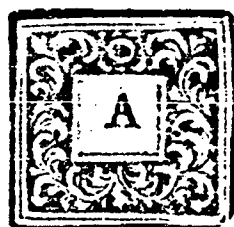


To Mr. Samuel Harrison.

From Tuesday July 1, to Tuesday July 8. 1729.

(Numb. XCV.)

Having in some of our former Papers given our Readers an Account of the Double Marriages between Spain and Portugal: The Ceremonies on that Occasion being very extraordinary, we hope the following Relation thereof at large, will not be unacceptable.



A DOUBLE, or as the French call it, a Cross Marriage having, some Months ago, been treated of, and at last agreed on, between the Courts of SPAIN and PORTUGAL, to wit, of the Prince of ASTURIAS with the Infanta of Portugal, and of the Prince of BRAZIL with the Infanta of Spain: The EXCHANGE of those Two Princesses was lately perform'd with a Splendor and Magnificence suitable to the Grandeur of those Two wealthy Kingdoms. But before we proceed to that Ceremony, we shall premise a short Account of the two Royal Pair.

DON FERDINAND, is the third Son of PHILIP V. King of Spain, by his first Consort Mary Louisa Gabriela, Daughter of Victor Amadeus, Duke of Savoy, and King of Sardinia. Upon the Death of LEWIS, his eldest Brother, (August 31st, 1724.) to whom King PHILIP had resign'd the Crown, and of Don PHILIP his second Son, Don FERDINAND, became PRINCE of ASTURIAS. He was born on the 23d of September 1713, N. S.

By his second Wife, ELIZABETH, Daughter of the Prince of Parma, King PHILIP had two Sons, viz. Don CARLOS, born January 10th, 1716, N. S. and Don FRANCISCO, born March 21st, 1717, N. S. but died soon after; and an INFANTA, born March 31st, 1718, N. S. and married November 25th, 1721, to LEWIS XV. the present King of France, but sent back to Spain in 1725, by reason of her tender Age.

DON JOHN V. King of Portugal, was born the 22d of October 1699, N. S. was crown'd the 1st of January, 1707. He married MARY ANNE Archduchess of Austria, born September 7th, 1783, Daughter to the late Emperor LEOPOLD, by whom he has had Issue,

I. MARY MAGDALEN JOSEPH THERESA BARBARA, INFANTA of Portugal, born Dec. 4th, 1711.

II. Don PEDRO Prince of Brazil, born 29th Oct. 1712. Died Oct. 29th, 1714.

III. Don JOSEPH PEDRO-JUAN-LEWIS, Prince of Brazil, born the 9th of June 1714.

IV. Don CARLOS Prince of Portugal, born the 2d of May, 1716.

V. Another Prince born the 7th of July, 1717.

This being premised, we shall now give our Readers faithful Abstracts of the several Advices from Madrid and Lisbon relating to this Affair:

Madrid, January 18, N. S. We daily receive Advice of their Majesties Progress with the Royal Family, who are all in perfect Health, and continue their Journey, notwithstanding the deep Snows. On the 7th, they lay at Cazarrubios; the 8th, at Torrijos; the 9th, at Talavera, where the Nobility and Citizens had prepared great Feasts for their Entertainment; the 10th at Orpesa; the 11th at Naval-Moral; the 12th at Zairaizejo; the 13th at Villa Mesta; and the 14th at Medellin; whence they proposed to be at Badajoz in two

Days, to get every Thing ready for the Exchange of the Princesses. Mean while, it is no inconsiderable Mortification to the Grandes of Spain, that the King, did not upon this Occasion, disbance with his Edicts against the Wearing of Gold upon their Cloaths, that they might make as bright a Figure as the Portuguese.

Lisbon, Jan. 20, N. S. On the 8th Instant, the King and Queen set out hence, with the Princess of Asturias the Prince of Brazil, and the Infantes, and lay that Night at Aldega-Galega. The next Morning, about Five, they proceeded on their Journey, heard Mass in the Church of our Lady at Atalaya, and lay in the new Palace at Vendafuevar. On the 10th, about Ten in the Forenoon, they arrived at Monte-Mayor, where having heard Mass, and visited the House in which S. John de Dieu was born, the King went forwards, notwithstanding the Badness of the Weather, and came to Evora, the Nobility of which City and Neighbourhood went to meet him a quarter of a League out of Town, and attended him to the Cathedral-Church. On the 11th, his Majesty gave Audience to the Chapter and Senate of Evora; and the next Day he visited several Churches and Convents, and gave the Carthusians 5000 Crusades to gild the High Altar of their Church. The same Day (the Twelfth) the Queen arrived at Evora, not having been able to reach that Place before, the Cold being so excessive, that she could not travel. On the 13th, the King conferred the Title of Count de Alva upon the General Don John Diego de Attalida, and constituted the Count de Assumar, Don John de Almeida, the Marquis de Alegrette, Don Manuel Telles de Sylva, and the Marquisses de Cascaes and de Fontes, Gentlemen of his Bed-Chamber. On the 14th, at Four in the Morning, the King set out again, with the Prince of Brazil and the Infantes, and lay that Night at Villaviciosa, where the Queen and the Princess of the Asturias arrived the next Day. Father Manuel de Figuereido, a Jesuite, came home on board the Ship lately return'd from the East-Indies, with two Gentlemen of the Great Mogul's Court, who brought Presents to his Portuguese Majesty. They made a Visit at Goa to our Viceroy of the Indies, and presented him with a Sympao, or Habit of their Country, and with a Knot of Rubies and Diamonds.

Madrid, Feb. 1. N. S. We have received these further Particulars of the Proceedings of the two Courts, viz. Their Catholick Majesties arrived the 19th ult. about Two in the Afternoon at the Palace built over the Caya, (a League from Badajoz) which little River separates the Province of Estremadura in Spain from that of Alentejo in Portugal. The said Palace was a square Building, painted Inside and Out with the Arms of Spain and Portugal. The Troops of the King's Household, and those of Estremadura, were under Arms, and made a Lane on this Side the River, to the Number of 6000 Men, with the Squadrons of Life-Guards, and the Battalions of Spanish and Walloon Guards at their Head. When the Court drew near the Palace, they saw on the other side of the River a magnificent Coach, in which were their Portuguese Majesties, the Princess of the Asturias, the Prince of Brazil, and the Infantes, passing thro' a Line of the Troops of Portugal, under Arms, like those of Spain; so that both Courts enter'd the Hall design'd for the Exchange of the Princesses at the same Instant. After the Marriage Contracts were read and sign'd, the two Kings were alone about an Hour. The Nuptials of the Prince and Princess of the Asturias