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M O S C O W, September 9.

ER Imperial majesty has presented lord Hyndford with her picture set in diamonds, valued at 12,000 li Rubles. Last Friday a grand council was held in the empress's presence, at which the senate, all the great officers of state, the ministers for foreign affairs, together with the great council of war, and the college of the admiralty, assisted; in which, 'tis said, some favourable resolutions were taken with regard to the peace in the North. Her Imperial majesty having notified to the senate her resolution of returning soon to Peterburg. Orders have been issued to the whole court to hold itself in readiness to set out on the first notice.

Madrid, Sept. 16. Orders have been sent to all the ports of this kingdom, for keeping the navy upon a better footing than it was during the late reign.

Copenhagen, Sept. 16. Two deputies from the duke of Saxe Hildbourghaufen were admitted yesterday to a private audience of the king of Denmark, at which they presented a letter, formally demanding the princess Louisa in marriage for the duke their master.

Amsterdam, October 2. A deputy from their high mightinesses assisted at the court of directors of the West India company held this day, in order to deliberate upon the method which must be made use of, for presenting to his serene highness the prince stadholder, the Diploma of governor general of the West-Indies and of the colonies thereon dependent; as also, upon the dividend which is proper to be made upon the actions of the said company.

Constantinople, August 22. The Porte is greatly concerned to hear that the bashaw of Rhodes has been arrested at Malta, as author or accomplice of the plot contrived in that island against the grand master and the knights of that order. This has been the more vexatious, as this bashaw is the son of a captain bashaw, one of the principal officers of the Ottoman empire, and besides very much esteemed at court. 'Tis assured that the grand vizir has spoken of this affair to the marquis de Desfaleurs, ambassador from France, and that his excellency has wrote to his court about it.

From the Paris A la-main, October 10.

By letters received from Genoa, bearing date the 26th of September last, we are informed, that advices were arrived there from Leghorn, intimating, that a considerable number of workmen were employed by orders from the court of Vienna, in removing all the valuable furniture out of the palace of the grand duke, where the governor general resides.

As the like orders have been issued out for the removal of the effects that are contained in all the country seats of the former grand dukes, whose orders are the subject matter of some speculation amongst the connoisseurs.

The same advices, from Genoa, assure us, in general, that they have heard from several masters of ships, that the island of Corsica was in a state of peace and tranquillity; but whether such intelligence was to be depended on, they could not absolutely determine, if they were rightly informed in what manner the new regulations which have been lately published there, have been received. 'Tis hoped, however, that they shall hear in a very short time that they have met with a favourable reception.

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Paris, Sept. 8. The refusal which has lately been made of admitting the sacraments to the late Sieur Coffin, has made so much noise in this capital, and in such manner divides the advocates and divines, that in spite of the rigorous Prohibition made by the king, in order to calm the minds of the people, and prevent an insurrection, which there seem'd to be some danger of, from the warmth which has been expressed on both sides on this subject, the feuds are still rancourously kept up. It is very much to be apprehended, that his majesty's zeal for preserving tranquility amongst the ecclesiastics and lawyers will not succeed, seeing there daily appear writings for and against this subject, and in such numbers, that the public is overwhelmed with them. It is, however, not doubted by some people here, but that the gentle means that have hitherto been made use of by the king will in time produce the effect which is expected from them. His majesty is not desirous of making use of any other method than what proceeds from mildness, believing it to be the speediest for remedying the present evil, foreseeing that the continuation of these domestic dissensions can be of fail of being fatal to the most powerful city in this kingdom. There is indeed, an ordinance talk'd of, which, it is said, is immediately to appear on this subject, and which will condemn to a severe punishment all those who shall publicly enter into these disputes, whether advocates, or any other persons of what condition or character soever.

The news writers are again fixing the time of the departure of the infant duchess of Parma, and now make it to be the 2d of October next. But as we have private intelligence, that ought to be rather credited than the public News papers, which assure us, that the demand of the Infanta for an augmentation of a pension has not yet been complied with at Versailles, one may consequently infer, that the departure of her royal highness will not take place so soon as has been published, she having directions not to come away till she has obtained an addition to the annual revenues of don Philip her consort.

L O N D O N.

August 28. Friday night several fellows were detected in picking of pockets in Bartholomew fair, and being delivered into the hands of the mob, underwent the discipline usual on such occasions; one of whom we hear is since dead, and two others are in danger of losing their lives, from the severe treatment of the populace.

Sept. 23. The right honourable the lord Anson will 'tis said, be appointed one of the lords of his majesty's bedchamber.

Sept. 23. By letters from China, lately arrived at the court of Madrid, we are assured, that the four Spanish dominican friars, who were taken with one of their right rev. bishops of the same order, formerly put to death by the emperor's orders, having been sentenced to have their heads cut off, had been strangled with a bow string in their prison of Fortien, the capital of the province of Fpdon on the 23th of October, 1748.

By advices of the 17th of December, in the year last mentioned, from Macoa, a city of the province of Canton in the empire of China, we hear further, that the fathers Anthony Joseph, Hierriques, and Prutan of Aremis, all members of the society of Jesus, who have been loaded with chains in a dark dungeon, for having professed to promulgate christian tenents in that country; after undergoing the rack, in order to oblige them to renounce the truth, had been likewise strangled with a bow string, the first of their number having been first con-

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