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MOSCOW, October 15.

It is reported, that the privileges of being exempt from paying the duties of the custom-house, formerly enjoyed by foreign Ministers here, and which since their suppression, were indulged to the earl of Hyndford, on the score of her Imperial majesty's particular respect for his excellency, will be entirely abolished for the future.

The news of the Ottoman Porte's having menaced our court, in case it attacked a certain power of the North, is contradicted by some advices just received from Constantinople, which positively assure, that the last declarations, made by the grand Vizir to M. Nepleuf, was couched in the most friendly terms, and which tended to promote mutual good harmony and intelligence. These dispatches have occasioned the holding of a council; and her Imperial majesty, to convince all Europe of her pacific inclinations, has sent orders for the provisional disarming of the squadrons at Cronstadt and Revel.

Genoa, Oct. 7. We hear by advices from Spain, that several recruits have arrived in several parts of that kingdom, in order to compleat the regiments belonging to his Catholic majesty; and notwithstanding all due preparations have been made there for the arming of the vessels, allotted to set sail in chase of the Barbary rovers; yet 'tis generally conjectured, that that intended expedition will be deferred till next spring as the winter season is so far advanced.

By the same advices we are informed, that the Dey of Algiers had sent dispatches to the British court, the contents whereof import, that that arch pyrate is so far from entertaining thoughts of making any restitution to his Britannic majesty either of the money or other valuable effects, which were seized from on board the prince Frederick packet boat, that he audaciously insists, that there are several large sums due to him from the British court; and doubts not but to make good his claim thereto by the ministers whom he has sent to London, in order to lay his demands before his Britannic majesty. In the mean time, however, they are busy night and day in making preparations for their defence; in case of a descent from any of the Christian powers.

They have accordingly not long since fitted out two vessels, one of 50 and one of 60 guns; and the Algerine rovers divide their forces into several squadrons, some consisting of 40, and others of 60 Xebecs or Gallies, all well armed.

By the captains of several vessels lately arrived in this port, we are credibly informed, that they had not met with one single corsair in their passage from Antibes, or any of the parts adjacent; by advices however, lately received from Madrid, we are assured, that those audacious rovers still continue their piratical courses, and that with too great success, in the streights of Gibraltar.

Madrid, Oct. 10. A treaty is concluded between this court, that of France, and the king of Sardinia. It is purely defensive, and designed to maintain in their possession those of the contracting Powers whose dominions are situated in Italy. 'Tis agreed to comprehend in this treaty the king of the Two Sicilies, and the duke of Modena, the republic of Genoa, and the infant duke of Parma and Placentia, as well for the states which he actually possesses, as for those he may hereafter acquire; and their Catholic and most Christian majesties engage by virtue of this treaty, to furnish 30,000 men, to such as the contracting parties as shall stand in need of their assistance.

We expect daily in the ports of this kingdom the plate fleet from Vera Cruz and Carthagena, which, exclusive of fifteen millions and a half in ready money, will bring a vast quantity of rich goods, as well as several valuable presents for the court. In one of these there is a silver box; containing two wonderful

pearls, of which the largest weighs thirty five carats and an half, and the other thirty four carats; a gold cup, set with two hundred and thirty eight emeralds; and a box of the same precious stones uncut. Our naval armaments are carried on with all the vigour imaginable.

Warsaw, Oct. 18. According to the last letters from Podolia, the pestilence has broke out in several parts of that province, particularly at Mohilow and Staragoraa. To prevent its spreading farther, detachments of horse and foot have been sent towards Latoczew, with orders to let no persons nor goods, &c. come from the places infected.

Turin, Oct. 20. A courier is arrived from Madrid, with a contract of Marriage between the infanta donna Maria Antonietta and the duke of Savoy, signed by his Catholic majesty, who has granted the infanta a very considerable dowry, and moreover engages to contribute a large sum towards the extraordinary expence our sovereign will be put to on account of this marriage. The contract has been sent back to Madrid with the king's ratification. The marquis de la Chetardie, now ambassador from France to this court, is arrived here. The steps taken by the king to make commerce flourish at Nice and Villafranca, have had so great success, that we hope in a little time to see them become the greatest trading ports in Italy.

Hamburg, Oct. 21. By advices from the North we are informed, that his Swedish majesty has prohibited by an express edict all discourse or debates in his kingdom or out of it, in regard to the differences and divisions which are said to be still subsisting between the court of Stockholm, and the Russian court.

Paris, Oct. 27. According to advices from Constantinople, the Kan that lately went into the service of the grand Signior, has been sent to Dricbuker, where he has received 500 purses to pay the troops in that province; and the Porte has appointed a commissary to see that this money be not embezzled. The same advices inform us, that the Divan has taken an unprecedented step, in augmenting all the taxes by 15 per cent. in order to cease the expences of a war, which, as they pretend, the Sultan is going to engage in against the new Schah of Persia. But little credit is given to the latter part of this intelligence, because the channel through which it comes is suspicious: We rather believe that the Porte intends to encourage the Barbary pyrates to go on with their depredations, and, if a war breaks out in the North, fall upon the hoofs of Austria, while the Tartars make a diversion on the side of the Ukrain.

M. de Larrey, minister from the states general, and M. Marselus, commissary of their high mightinesses, seem to have made a great progress in their negotiations within these three weeks; so that there is room to expect the affair will be concluded soon after the arrival of M. de Berkenrode, the new ambassador from the republic of the United Provinces. A considerable abatement has already been made in the duties of herring and other salted fish, brought into this kingdom by the Dutch; which step has been taken with a view too obvious to require an explanation.

Hague, Oct. 31. Yesterday being the anniversary of his Britannic majesty's birth day, it was celebrated here by the earl of Holderness, his majesty's minister to this republic, with a magnificence and joy equal to the grand and happy occasion. There were present his serene highness the prince of Orange, the prince of Baden Bade, the grand pensionary, the greater, and nobles of Holland, and the presidents of the several colleges. Her royal highness the princess of Orange departed yesterday from Loo, on her journey to Leewarden, whither his serene highness the prince will soon follow.

Naples, Oct. 10. The queen happily advances in her pregnancy. The prince of Terentum, second son of their majesties, who has been dangerously ill of the small pox, is now recover-