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P O R T U G A L.

HE Title of *Most Faithful*, as now applied to the King of Portugal, is a Distinction so novel in the Political History of Europe, that some of my Readers may possibly not be acquainted with the Reason of it. I must inform these, that about a Year before I began to oblige the World with my Lucubrations, his late Portuguese Majesty, a most dutiful and affectionate Son, to his good old Mother the Church of Rome, having bestowed upon that venerable Lady some very costly Presents of Plate and Jewels, was obliged, in return, by the Universal Dispenser of the Church's Favours, his Holiness the Pope, with these two additional Words to his other Titles, as a Compensation more than sufficient for all his Piety. And surely, the Spiritual Donations of the Church, tho' consisting of Air only, are of more Value than all the solid glittering Trifles, which secular Princes have to give. This seems, at least, to have been the Opinion of John V. King of Portugal, whom I had considered, for some Years before his Death, as worthy to be the Member of a Society, in which I myself might sit as President.

But as Henry VIII King of England, had not long received from the same Authority the Title of *Defender of the Faith* (which his Successors still make Use of) before he turned Rebel to that very Authority which had thus distinguished him: So it seems extremely probable, that his Majesty Don Joseph, tho' he continues to make Use of the same Title, will, in Time, cause the Successors of St. Peter to repent that it was ever conferred on his Family. He already talks of destroying the Inquisition, one of the most profitable Milch-Cows, but the most curst of all the Herd, that is now in Possession of the venerable Matron at Rome. At least, it is agreed, that, if he does not utterly demolish her, he will entirely deprive her of her Horns, and all her Power of doing Mischief.

The great Age of Henry Jenkins, by Mrs. Anne Saville.

WHEN I came first to live at Bolton, I was told several Particulars of the great Age of Henry Jenkins; but I believed little of the Story for many Years, 'til one Day he coming to beg Alms, I desired him to tell me truly how old he was. He paused a little, and then said, that to the best of his Remembrance, he was about 162 or 3; and I asked what Kings he remembered. He said Henry the Eighth. I asked, what public Thing he could longest remember? He said Flowden field. I asked, whether the King was there? He said no, he was in France, and the Earl of Surrey was General. I asked him, how old he might be then? He said, I believe I might be between 10 and 12; for, says he, I was sent to Northallerton, with a Horse load of Arrows, but they sent a bigger Boy from thence to the Army with them. All this agreed with the History of that Time; for Bows and Arrows were then used, the Earl he named was General, and King Henry the Eighth was then at Tournay, and yet it is observable, that this Jenkins could neither write nor read. There were also four or five in the same Parish that were reputed all of them to be 100 Years old, or within 2 or 3 Years of it, and they all said he was an Elderly Man, ever since they knew him; for he was born in another Parish, and before any Registers were in Churches, as it is said; he told me then too, that he was Butler to the Lord Conyers, and remembered the

Abbot of Fountains Abbey very well, before the Dissolution of the Monasteries. Henry Jenkins departed this Life, December, 1670, at Ellerton upon Swale in Yorkshire; the Battle of Flowden field was fought September, 9, 1513, and he was about 12 Years old, when Flowden field was fought. So that this Henry Jenkins lived 169 Years, viz. 16 longer than old Parr, and was the oldest Man born upon the Ruins of this postdiluvian World. In the last Century of his Life he was a Fisherman, and used to trade in the Streams; his Diet was coarse and four, but towards the latter End of his Days he begged up and down. He hath sworn in Chancery, and other Courts, to above 140 Years Memory, and was often at the Assizes at York, where he generally went on Foot: And I have heard some of the Country Gentlemen affirm, that he frequently swam in the Rivers after he was past the Age of 100 Years. In the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Exchequer, is a Record of a Deposition in a Cause by English Bill, between Anthony Clark and Smirkson, taken 1665, at Kettering in Yorkshire, where Henry Jenkins, of Ellerton upon Swale, Labourer, aged 157 Years, was produced and deposed as a Witness.

E P I T A P H on a Monument erected at Bolton in Yorkshire, by the Subscription of several Gentlemen, to the Memory of Henry Jenkins.

Blush not, Marble,
 To rescue from Oblivion
 The Memory of
 Henry Jenkins,
 A Per on obscure in Birth,
 But of a Life truly memorable:

For
 He was enriched
 With the Goods of Nature;
 If not of Fortune,
 And happy
 In the Duration,
 If not Variety,
 Of his Enjoyments:
 And,

Tho' the partial World
 Despised and disregarded
 His low and humble State,
 The equal Eye of Providence
 Beheld and blessed it.

With a Patriarch's Health and Length of Days;
 To teach mistaken Man
 These Blessings were entailed on Temperance,
 A Life of Labour, and a Mind at Ease.
 He lived to the amazing Age of

169.
 Was interr'd here December 6,
 1670,
 And had this Justice done to his Memory,
 1743.

S T O C K H O L M, May 4.

THE Imperial and Russian Ministers being at Court a few Days ago, Count Tessin assured the former, that the King thought himself under great Obligations to their Imperial Majesties for employing their good Offices for maintaining the Tranquility of the North, and desired they would continue them, that the Peace might subsist without Interruption. He also