

FERDINAND I.—III., kings of the two Sicilies :

- a. (IV. of Naples); b. 12 Jan. 1751; succeeded his father, Charles, who became king of Spain
- 5 Oct. 1759
- Ruled by his wife, Maria Caroline of Austria, married April 1768
- Settled the disputes with the pope 1792
- His minister, Acton, ruled 1784-95
- Took Rome from the French Nov. 1798
- Naples taken by the French, and the Parthenopean republic established Jan. 1799
- Fled to Palermo 24 Dec. 1798
- Restored by Nelson; (broke faith with the liberals) 30 June 1799
- Made peace with France, with great loss March 1801
- Compelled to flee to Sicily; his kingdom given to Joseph Bonaparte 30 March 1806
- Resided in Sicily protected by a British fleet 1806-14
- Recovered Naples; re-entered his capital, 17 June 1815; granted a constitution by compulsion 1 Oct. 1820
- Took part in the congress at Laybach 8 Jan. 1821
- Instigated the Austrians to invade Naples to put down the liberals, 28 Jan.—25 March 1821
- d. 3 Jan. 1825

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Colli 1.^o Aprile 1815

Al Tent. Gen. Cav. John Murray

Caro Generale

Da' codesto mio ministro, Capellicola, fui riscontrato del felice risultato ch' ebbe il vostro affare. Non so' abbastanza esprimervi a qual grado giunse il contento nell' animo mio con sì piacevole notizia, per essere appunto come io la bramavo, fin dal momento che partiste da questo luogo. Ve ne fo' ben di cuore i miei rallegramenti, e vivo nella speranza di potervi confermare a voce, se la sorte mi darà adito di potervi rivedere.

Conservatevi intanto di perfetta salute come io vi desidero, e credetemi sempre lo stesso vostro

Affezionato

Ferdinando I^o

Letter from the King of Naples to
General Murray

