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Naples, Nov. 10.

From *Sicily* we have advice that the French have besieged the *Scaletta* by Water and Land, and that the place is in danger of being lost; and at the same time we have confirmation of their having taken *Taurmina*.

Genova, Nov. 15. From *Provence* they write, that a new Convoy was sailed from *Thoulon*, with Provisions for *Messina*, but that having met with very bad weather, they had been obliged to put into the Islands of *Hieres*. On Monday last the Cardinal *Bonzi* parted hence on the Galley which this State had lent him for his transportation, his Eminence hastning his departure the more for that he is to be present at the opening of the States of *Languedoc*, of which he is President. The same day the Cardinal of *Retz* likewise parted hence, taking his journey by Land through *Milan* and *Piedmont*. These Seas are very much infested by the Corsairs of *Barbary*, who have of late taken several Prizes.

Dizzo, Nov. 20. All the news we have at present here is, that the French in *Sicily* have taken the *Scaletta*.

Florence, Nov. 17. They of the Spanish party are very much troubled at the news we have at present here, that the French in *Sicily* have not only made themselves Masters of *Taurmina*, in which was a Garrison of 800 Men, under the command of the Count of *Prato*, who is accused of being corrupted by the French, and delivering the place up to them, when he was sufficiently in a condition to have defended it, but likewise that they have taken the *Scaletta*, a place of great importance for its strength and situation. From *Rome* they write, that the Pope had with the usual solemnity taken possession of *St Jean de Lateran*; That he had written very earnestly to the Most Christian and Catholick Kings to exhort them to Peace, but at the same time had written to the King of *Poland* to animate him to continue the War against the Turks, and not to make Peace with them unless they restore *Caminiac*, which was formerly a Bishoprick. But from *Venice* they tell us, that a Gentleman was passed through that City being sent express by the King of *Poland*, to give the Pope an account of the Peace he hath concluded with the Ottomans, much to the advantage of the Kingdom, especially considering the posture his affairs was in.

Venice, Nov. 24. The Senate having taken notice of the great losses sustained by the Merchants of this State by the Corsairs of *Barbary*, who frequently meet with and make Prizes of their ships, have as it's said resolved, that for the future no ship of any considerable burthen and lading shall be permitted to sail without a Convoy, and that a certain number of Men of War (towards the maintaining of which the Merchants are to contribute so much *per Cent.*) may be able to take care of all the ships that sail from hence, which they cannot do unless they set out at certain times, and in Fleets; That no Merchant ship shall go out from hence till the beginning of *May*, by which time all the ships

that are designed abroad must be ready, to part with their Convoys to the several Ports to which they are bound, where they are not to remain so unlade and lade again till the beginning of *September*, when the said Convoys will be ready to attend them home.

Dantzicke, Nov. 15. According to our last advices the Queen of *Poland* was parted from *Fanowiss*, to go and meet the King at *Leopol*, where his Majesty was expected in his return from the Army. The Turks in conformity to the Treaty lately concluded had set at liberty all the Prisoners they had taken this Summer, which it's said amounts to several thousands of poor Christians; who are thus redeemed from a perpetual slavery. The 12 of *January* a general Dyer is to be held at *Cracow*, where the said Peace must be ratified.

Vienna, Nov. 22. To morrow the Emperor begins his journey towards *Passaw*, to celebrate his marriage there the 14 of the next Month with the Princess of *Neuburg*. The Ambassadors and other Foreign Ministers do not follow his Imperial Majesty thither, but will expect here his return with the Imperial Bride about the latter end of *January*; the Prince of *Neuburg* is parted from hence; as is likewise the Prince of *Pietrichstein*, on his way to *Neuburg*. A Courier arrived from the Port brings among other things an account of the sickness of the Grand Visier; to that degree that his recovery is almost despaired of, which it's believed hath much contributed to the Peace lately concluded with *Poland*. We are told that several Regiments are ordered to march towards *Hungary* to quell the Rebels there, who become the more considerable, for that it's said they are assisted from abroad.

Strasburg, Nov. 27. The Imperial Troops have now wholly quitted our Neighborhood, and are marched towards *Franconia* and *Suabia*, and will have their Head-quarter at *Esslingen*, where the Duke of *Lorraine* arrived yesterday. His Highness has left a good Body of Troops in *Khinsfelden*, *Fribourg*, *Offenbourg* and other neighbouring places, which may be drawn out and employed as there may be occasion. The Prince of *Montbelliard* means it seems to keep his residence at *Basle*, while the French continue their Garrison in his place of *Montbelliard*. We now see how vain and ill-founded the several reports were that have been frequently spread abroad of the French intending to abandon *Haguenaw* and *Deuxponts*; there are in those places very good Garrisons, who will it's feared be very troublesome this winter to the neighbouring Countreys.

Ratisbonne, Nov. 28. We are told that the States of the Empire assembled here have received a Letter lately from the *Suisse* Cantons, in which they assure them, that they will not permit any more Levies to be made in their Territories, for the service of the Crown of *France*, &c. upon which it hath been resolved in the said Dyer, that a Letter of Thanks shall be returned to the said Cantons; The Duke *Adolphus* Prince Palatin of *Deuxponts*, and Uncle to the present King of *Sweden*, being arrived here, made a visit the 22 instance to the Imperial Commissioner, the Bishop of *Aichsachs*, who the next day returned the Complement, and that
afternoon