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Venice, January 29.

**W**E have advice from Sicily, that the Marquis De Castel Rodrigo, Vice-Roy of that Kingdom, arrived at Palermo about the middle of the last month; that the chief motive of his coming thither was, to endeavour the settlement of a Contribution from the Barons of the Kingdom towards the carrying on the War. That with their assistance, together with the 3000 men he expects from Naples, and the 2000 from Milan, he proposes to bring into the Field an Army of 18000 men. That 18 French Men of War, having been sent off of Palermo the Vice Roy had immediately re-inforced the neighbouring Garrisons, and particularly Termini, the inhabitants of which place are said not to be very well affected to the Spanish Government: The same care had been taken to re-inforce Trapani, Siracusa, and other Places, which were most exposed to the Enemy. That Melazzo was still Invested, and that it was reported, the French had taken a very considerable Post near it. That there were great commotions at Catania, notwithstanding the presence of the Maître de Camp General, and other principal Officers of the Army.

Genoa, Jan. 31. On Friday last, 7 Spanish Men of War, and several Tartanes, on which were embarked 2500 Soldiers, sailed from Final to Sicily.

Argiers, Decemb. 25. This Government continues firm in its resolution to maintain the Peace inviolably with the English, and as a mark thereof, have caused several Goods taken out of some English ships by their Meit of War, to be restored to the English Consul, and the Offenders to be punished; and accordingly there are at present remaining in the Consuls hands 18 Chests of Sugar, 30 Hogheads of Tobacco, four Bales of Bayes, two Barrels of Nails, 18 Quoyle of Cordage, and a Hauser, which will be delivered to the Owners, upon their application to the Consul.

Vienna, Febr. 4. The Emperor, having granted a General Pardon to the Male-contents of Hungary, with restitution of their Goods and Estates, and liberty to have a Church in every Province for the free exercise of their Religion, the General Baragotz parted hence some days since to carry the said Pardon; and we hear already, that most of the said Male-contents, upon the advice they had, that the Emperor had declared he would grant the same, are retired to their respective homes; and that about two or three thousand have put themselves into his Imperial Majesty's service, in which, it's said they would be followed by many others; insomuch that we are told, that of them, and those Troops the Emperor would have been obliged to have kept in Hungary this Summer, in case this accommodation had not been made, an Army of 18 or 20000 men will be formed, to be employed in the present War, as there shall be occasion. This Court, as we are informed, does not take it well, that the King of Poland should send the Marquis de Bethune, a French-man to complement their Imperial Majesty upon the subject of their Marriage. The Popes Nuncio having taken his

leave of the Emperor, means to pass hence to morrow on his way towards Nimeguen; whether he will, in few days, be followed by the Bishop of Gurck, the Emperors first Ambassador for the Treaty.

Frankfort, Febr. 7. You will have already heard of the execution that hath been done by the Count de Bussy, who, between the Rhine and the Saar, hath burnt about 206 Villages, and would have proceeded to have made farther spoil in the Lower Palatinate, but that Colonel Bentleben, with several Troops of the Elector Palatine under his command, came and posted himself at Laurerne. The French have finished all their Mines at Deuxponts, so that when the command is given, all the Fortifications will be demolished in few hours. The Records and other Papers of State, are removed from thence, and the Library that was there, is, it's said, given to the Archbishop of Rheims. On the other side the Imperialists are drawing a Body of Men together, and to that purpose the Regiment of Chavignac has endeavoured to pass the Rhine at Philipburgh, but has been hitherto hindered by the high waters. The Imperialists are extremely pleased at the certain news we have from Hungary, of the submission of the Malecontents of that Kingdom.

Cologne, Febr. 19. The Baron de Plasen, Marschal of the Court of the Bishop of Osnabrug, continues still here, but purposes to part from hence, some time the next week for Nimeguen, in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the said Bishop. The Duke of Neuburg is now on his return towards these parts, the 18 Instant his Highness was to arrive at Rasselheim, about a League from Mentz, where the Landgrave of Darmstadt, his Brother-in-law, would meet him. From Strasburgh they write, that the French continue to work for the demolishing of Saverne, and that the Inhabitants of the Town of Molsheim feared it would be their turn next. A Party of the Duke of Neuburgs Troops hath had an encounter with another Party belonging to Maestricht, in which the former had the advantage, and hath brought hither 40 Prisoners. Part of the Osnabrug Troops are come to Weringhen, two Leagues from this City, which place they are fortifying. A Party of the said Troops have been within the Territories of Aix la Chapelle, where they have taken a great booty.

Nimeguen, Febr. 17. The Preliminary Points are now adjusted, and in few dayes the several Parties will enter upon the Treaty in order to a Peace, which is at present the desire and prayer of many thousands of people who have been reduced to the utmost extremity by the calamities of the War. We expect here in a day or two the Sieur Stragman, the Emperors third Ambassador.

Amsterdam, Febr. 19. The Letters we receive from Germany, speak of the great Armies the Emperor is resolved to bring into the Field this Campaign, to be commanded by General Montecuculi, who, it's said, will endeavor to enter into France, and that in order thereunto he will come down towards Treves. We are told that the Marquis de Grana is in few dayes expected at the Hague, on the part of the Emperor, to concert with