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Constantinople, Sept. 29.

THE News of the taking of *Buda* by Assault, and of 8000 Soldiers, who were in Garrison there, and all the Inhabitants above the age of 7 years being put to the Sword, having been brought hither by several Expresses, it's scarce credible how great a Consternation and Confusion it occasioned at the Port, and in this City, There was immediately a great Cabal held of the leading Caddes or Lawyers, and chief Outerrack Janissaries, who are those that being Superannuated, or for some notable Service, or special Favor, or (which is most usual) for having been Maimed or Wounded in the Wars, receive a Dead-pay of so much a day, with liberty to follow their private Vocations. The Grand Signior was much startled at it, and having first doubled his Guard of *Bisfinces*, sent to them to know the meaning of that extraordinary meeting. They answered, That seeing him and his Empire in such extreme danger, they thought it their duty to consult together which way they might best serve and defend both. The Grand Signior sent again to be informed what they thought amiss in his Government; They named only the Great Musti for a bad Man, and glanced a little at the Grand Signior's too much minding his Sports, and slighting this his chief City. The Musti was thereupon presently deposed, and banisht to *Bursa*, a little Town, or rather Village, not far from hence, where are the hot Baths. *Hussain Effendi Cadiluker* of *Romelia* is made Great Musti; And the Grand Signior, who had ordered a General Hunting, and for that purpose had sent far and near for the best Greyhounds his Empire afforded, and had got together a vast number of them, has put off his Hunting, turned to these Greyhounds to run up and down the Streets masterless (for any one that will may take up as many of them as he pleases) and goes punctually every day to his publick Devotions in one of his chief Mosques; Which with his declaring that he will go in Person the next Spring against the *Germans*, but more especially the certain advice of the *Visier Azem's* resolution to come speedily hither, to assist at and govern the great Councils for the next Campaigne, have for this time quieted the discontents of the People, and all seems well again among them, though their Fears continue, which are almost incurable. The other day there was a false Alarm given, That the *Venetian* Fleet was at the *Dardanelli*, nay, some said they were past the *Castles*, which filled the whole City with fear and disorder; Several great Guns were mounted at the *Seraglio*, and other places on the Water side, and Men were placed up and down in great numbers to guard the Shore, and oppose the Landing of the Enemy; And when all was done, the matter was no more than this; That 8 or 10 Vessels with *Venetian* Colours; which transported the Garrison of *Napoli di Romania* according to the Capitulation, had appeared within sight of *Tenedos* at the mouth

of the *Dardanelli*. It's believed when the *Visier Azem* comes, several of the great Officers will be in much danger, and particularly the *Kisler Aga* or Chief of the Black Eunuchs, who is incomparably the richest Subject the Grand Signior hath. In the mean time a great Reform has been made in the *Seraglio*, with a retrenchment of the Salaries and Perquisites of the principal Officers of it, inasmuch that the *Kisler Aga* abovementioned, who had 600 Horses kept for him at the Grand Signior's charge, is for the future to have but twelve. The Plague rages now in *Scambole* and *Galata*, as violently as has been known these many years, there dying 1000 a day; And to this Calamity is added the scarcity of Provisions, which have been all this Year above double the usual Prices, and will be certainly much dearer all this Winter.

Rome, Nov. 9. The 3th Instant we were surprized here with a great Deluge of Water, the *Tiber* swelling to that height, that it not only drowned the Neighbouring Country, but put likewise several Quarters of this City under Water; which continued till the 7th, when the Water began to decrease. This Inundation, which was not however so high by three Foot as that in the Year 1657, has done a great deal of harm; Several People have been drowned in the Country with a great number of Cattle; and some Houses have been swept away; Part of the Wall of the Castle of *Sr. Angelo* is thrown down, and one of the Bastions hath received so much damage, that it seems ready to fall. The Magistrates took care to assist the People in the Quarters that were drowned with Boats; And the Pope has given Orders for the supplying all those that are in distress with Provisions, and what else they want.

Vienna, Nov. 21. This day arrived here an Express with an account that the Prince of *Baden*, after the burning of the Bridge of *Essleke*, marched to *Caposwar*; That coming before that place, the *Turks* seemed at first resolved to defend it, and fired their Cannon upon the *Imperialists*, but soon after capitulated, and surrendered upon condition to march out with their Arms and Baggage, and that they, as well as the Inhabitants with their Wives and Children, and what they could carry, should be conducted to *Sigeth*. It was resolved in the Council of War here, that the Prince of *Baden* should bombard *Alba Regalis*, before he put his Troops into their Winter-quarters, but the Rains that have fallen since, making that place (which is surrounded with Moras) inaccessible, the execution of this design is put off to another time. Lieutenant General *de Schwarzenberg* is returned hither, having put the Troops of *Croatia* into their Winter-quarters; and the Prince of *Baden* is expected in few days. The Deputies of *Transylvania* which arrived here the last Week, have had several Conferences with the Commissioners appointed by the Emperor to receive their Proposals. Count *Tockley* is at *Great Waradin*; the *Turks* not permitting him to