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Venice, January 15.

WE have Advice by a Vessel come from *Narenta*, That so soon as the *Proveditore General Cornaro* had Landed his Troops, the *Turks* abandoned the strong Tower of *Narin*, but being pursued by a Party of Horse, the greatest part of them were cut in pieces, and the rest made Slaves, together with their Commander: That some few days after the *Venetians* made themselves Masters of another strong Castle in that Neighbourhood; after which, being able to make no farther progress, by reason of the continual Rains, his Excellency retired to a Place called *Macarfa*, where he would expect better Weather to undertake some new Design. The Letters from the *Levant* say, That the *Doge Morosini* had fixed his Head Quarter at *Napoli di Romania*, and that he was making Preparations, in order to renew the Siege of *Negrepont*, so soon as the Season was proper for it. We are expecting with some impatience the success of the Treaty that's going to be set on foot with the *Turkish* Ambassadors at *Vesendorf*, not far from *Vienna*, at which the Secretary *Capello* will Assist on the part of this Republick. In the mean time the Preparations for the War are not neglected. Commissions are given out daily for new Levies of Soldiers; and the Senate are now about Choosing a General to Command their Land Forces in the place of the late *Velt-Marshal Coningsmarke*. They have Ordered 4000 Men to be sent from *Dalmatia* to the *Levant*; and have resolved to make a Levy of 3000 *Suissers*.

Madrid, Jan. 14. The *Marquis de Rebenac*, Ambassador of *France*, does

press this Court to declare their Resolution concerning the Neutrality he has proposed, that so the King, his Master, may know what Measures to take: Upon which no other Answer has as yet been given him, than, That his Catholick Majesty has already given Orders to the Governor of *Flanders*, and his other Dominions, how to behave themselves in this Conjunction; and that he will take such farther Resolutions as may be most for the benefit and security of them. But, it's expected, that a more particular and Negative Answer will be given him in few days. The *French* have carried the Effects, that came home in the *New Spain Fleet*, to *Marseilles* and *Toulon*, for fear of the *Dutch*, if they had gone by the way of the Ocean. The *Marquis de los Balbases* offers 500 thousand Pistols for the Principality of *Astiliano* in the Kingdom of *Naples*, which is fallen to the King by the Death of the Prince of that Name.

Vienna, Jan. 16. The Count *de Piccolomini* has written hither, that the new Fortifications are finished at *Belgrade*, and that the Place is at present in a posture of Defence. Colonel *Mackaire* is gone with 3000 *Hussars*, and a Body of the Militia, to re-inforce the Blockade of *Sigeth*, the Garison whereof is reduced to that extremity, that's not doubted, but they will in a short time be forced to Capitulate. It is confirmed, that the Garison of *Great Waradin* has Mutinied against their Officers, and, that the Baron *de Heusler*, upon the News of it, was advanced nearer to the Place with the Troops under his Command, to endeavour to draw some Advantage from the Disorder they were in. The 14th Instant was appointed for the Audience of the *Turkish* Ambassadors, but, for Reasons that are not yet made publick, 'tis put off for some days longer.

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