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Turin, December 9.

THE French have put four Battalions into *Susa*, and about 600 Horse into *Pignerol* over and above the ordinary Garison, and the rest of their Troops, as we understand, are gone into Winter Quarters in *Savoie* and *Dauphine*. The Governor of *Milan* intends to return hither very suddenly with Money to pay the Spanish Auxiliary Troops, which will be considerably Reinforced against the Spring, besides the Succors our Duke expects from other Princes his Allies. The *Vaudois* have lately taken 60 Wagons laden with Wine, designed to *Pignerol*, killing 14 of the French Soldiers that conducted the Convoy. The German Troops in his Highness's Service have part of them their Quarters at *Vigone*, *Piosasco*, and other places on the side of *Pignerol*; and the rest at *Ivrea*, *Trino*, *Verelli*, *Rivoli*, and in this City.

Zurich, December 17. We have an account from *Piedmont*, that part of the Garison of *Pignerol* having lately marched out in the night, they surpris'd some Families, who were in the Villages of *St. Germain* and *Pramo's*; the Men, who were Armed, and were not above 12 together, fired several times upon the Enemy, and then retired to the Hills. The French plundered the Villages, and with their accustomed cruelty killed seven Women and 15 Children, and after that returned to *Pignerol*. A French Regiment of Horse surpris'd likewise *Lucerne*, and killed several People, but the *Vaudois* pursued and attack'd them so warmly in their retreat, that they cut off 150 of the Enemy, the rest retiring to *Pignerol*. The Duke of *Savoy* sent Prince *Eugene* with a Detachment of German Horse to intercept their Retreat, but he came about an hour too late; In the mean time the Duke's Troops destroy the Country round *Pignerol*, in return to the barbarous Ravages which the French commit wherever they come, and have burnt 6 or 7 Villages, the Garison not daring to venture out to oppose them. The *Marquis de la Parella* has made an Incurfion as far as *St. Vincent* in *Provence*, and has taken the Castle of *Pontis*, but the Duke sent him Orders to retire for fear of the Snow, which might stop up the passages by which he might return.

Venice, December 15. By a Vessel from *Corfu* we have advice, that the Fleet separated after its arrival there, some of the Ships being sent to *Coron*, and others to *Modon*, *Navarin*, *Napoli di Romania*, and other places in the *Morea*, where they are to winter. The Master of a Vessel, which arrived here last week in 21 days from *Constantinople*, reports, that the taking of *Belgrade*, and the other late Successes of the Turks in *Hungary*, had extremely

raised the Reputation of the Grand Vicer, and of the French Ambassador, who is in a manner the second Minister of the *Ottoman* Court; that the Vicer was shortly expected at *Constantinople*, and that in the mean time it was whispered about, as if his arrival there would be attended with some great alteration in that Government.

Vienna, December 17. The Count de *Caraffa*, Commissary-General of the Army, is returned hither from the Empire, after having settled the Winter Quarters for the Imperial Troops (that were employed the last Summer on the *Rhine*) within the Circles of *Franconia* and *Swabia*. General *Caprara* remains in the Empire to command the said Forces during the Winter. Yesterday arrived here an Express from Prince *Louis* with Letters of the 12th instant, which give an account, that he was then encamped near a place called *Erdis*; that he had received advice, that a Body of 10 or 12000 Turks and Tartars, who had been some time about *Debreczen*, understanding that Prince *Louis* was come to *Zaimar*, and that he designed to march against them, they were again retired into *Transilvania*, which had obliged him to return towards *Clausenburg*. The Emperor is sending an Envoy to *Muscovy*, who will begin his Journey in few days; His business is to endeavour to persuade the Czar to bring his Army into the Field very early in the Spring in order to fall into the *Crimee*, and thereby divert the Tartars from sending any Assurances to the Turks. The Elector of *Bavaria* has, since his arrival here, assisted at several Councils of War; and we are told, that his Electoral Highness will part from hence before the end of this Month, and take his Journey to the *Hague* to meet His Majesty of *Great-Britain*.

Frankfort, December 24. The Garison at *Hydelberg* is now 4000 Men compleat. And the new Fortifications that are making there are carried on with great diligence. We have advice, that the *Suiffers* have put 900 Men more into *Geneva* for the Reinforcement of that Garison.

Cologne, December 26. General *Beck*, who went lately from hence for *Vienna*, is come back by the Emperor's Order, to command here as he did before. Four thousand Foot and 2000 Horse, of the *Brandenburg* Forces quartered in this Diocesis, were to Rendezvous the 22d instant at *Aldenhoven*, between *Juliers* and *Aix la Chapelle*, from whence they are to march towards the *Meuse*. The Baron de *Spaen*, Lieutenant-General of the said Forces, is, upon the receipt of an Express from Prince *Waldeck*, returned to *Maestricht*. The Great Master of the *Teutonic* Order is very shortly expected at *Menz*, where he will reside this Winter, being appointed by the Emperor to command his Troops quartered along the *Rhine* between *Menz* and *Hydelberg*; And General *Caprara* is to command the

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