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Rome, December 30.

THE Duke de *Chaulnes*, Ambassador of France, prepares for his departure, and it's believed he will begin his Journey homeward about the middle of the next Month, being much dissatisfied at the little Success he has had in his Negotiation at this Court; which will however be continued by the Cardinal of *Furbin*, who is to remain here till the arrival of another Ambassador from France. The Pope, according to custom, consecrated on *Christmas* Eve the Cap and Sword, which is usually sent to some Prince or great General warring against the Turks; but we do not yet hear whom they are designed for at this time. The Chevalier *Contarini*, new Ambassador from *Venice*, arrived here the last week, accompanied by a great many Noble Venetians. The Pope has given another rich Abby to Cardinal *Ottoboni*, his Nephew.

Turin, December 23. The Marquis de *Feuquieres* with a Detachment of French Troops lately surprized *Lucerne*, and cut off about 20 of our Men, but the *Vaudois* and French Protestants have since that driven the Enemy again from the Posts they had possessed themselves of in the Valleys, and in three Rencounters killed above 600 of them; and seeing the Marquis de *Feuquieres* has ordered that no Quarter shall be given them, they are resolved to treat the French in the same manner. The *Sieur Mallet* is daily expected in the Valleys with a Reinforcement of 600 Men, and things are now so disposed there, that the said Valleys are sufficiently secured. By Letters from *Barcelonette* on the Frontiers of *Provence*, of the 7th instant, we have an account, that the Militia, commanded by the Marquis de *Parvella*, had made several Incursions into *Provence*, and had burnt divers Villages, and destroyed great quantities of Forage and Corn, and that if they had had with them 5 or 6000 Men of formed Troops, they might have marched as far as *Aix*, the Capital City of *Provence*, or *Marseilles*, where the French keep their Gallies, with little or no resistance, the fear and consideration of the Enemy being so great, that they everywhere fled before them. These Letters add, that

the Marquis de *Parvella* marched on the 7th with his Militia, and 200 Men of the Battalion of *Fulien*, to attack *Colmars*, about 6 Leagues from *Barcelonette*; the taking whereof would put a large extent of Country under Contribution; But by fresher advices we understand, that the ill Weather and want of Cannon has obliged him to quit that Enterprize for the present. The Governor of *Milan* is still here to settle the Winter Quarters for the Spanish Troops.

Milan, January 3. Our Governor, who is at present at *Turin*, has sent Orders for the Troops of this Duchy to be in a readiness to make a General Muster at his return hither, that he may see what Orders are necessary to be given about their Recruits. Some of the Spanish Troops, that were sent to the assistance of the Duke of *Savoy*, are to have their Winter Quarters within this State, and are expected here in 2 or 3 days.

Venice, January 5. The 3d instant arrived here a Merchant Ship, which came from *Constantinople* on the 11th of *November*, and confirms the account we had before of the several Factions that are labouring some great alteration in that Government, in which the Partisans of the Cham of *Tartary* have no small share; but 'twas believed, that the arrival of the Grand Visier, who was daily expected at *Constantinople*, would settle all Matters. We have advice from *Corfou*, that the Captain-General *Mocenigo* arrived there the 13th of the last Month, and had taken a review of the Fleet and the Land Forces, which he had afterwards ordered to the several Ports and Places where they are to Winter. The Senate intend in few days to proceed to the Election of a new General of their Land Forces in the place of the Duke de *Guadagne*, who has, on account of his great Age and Infirmities, desired to be excused from any longer Service.

Vienna, January 7. Prince *Louis* of *Baden* is expected here to morrow or next day, having left the Imperial Forces in *Transylvania* under the command of General *Veserani*. The Turks and Tartars, who lately appeared on the Frontiers of that Country, are retired towards *Temeswar*, and *Teckley* finding himself disappointed in his design upon *Transylvania*, is (they say) gone to *Witina* on the *Danube*. *Buda* and *Essek* are fortifying with an extraordinary