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Rome, February 10.

THE Body of the late Pope was privately buried on Monday night in St. Peter's Church.

The next day the Duke de Chaulnes, Ambassador of France, had Audience of the College of Cardinals, and after the usual Compliment, told them, that the King his Master does earnestly wish, that a new Pope may be speedily chosen, in his Abilities for the Government of the Church in this great Conjunction, but yet desires, that they will not proceed to an Election before the arrival of the French Cardinals. The Cardinal de Medicis, who came hither on Wednesday, has likewise made a short Speech to them in the name of the King of Spain; as the Cardinal Barbarini has done on the behalf of Portugal and Poland: And to-morrow the Prince of Lichtenstein, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, is to have his Audience of the College. On Wednesday were distributed, by lot, the Cells of the Conclave, which will be opened on Monday next. In the mean time a Congregation has been held at the House of the Cardinal Cibo, to take care of the Health of this place; where, among other things, have ordered, that during the sitting of the Conclave only 3 of the City Gates shall be opened, and that strict Guards shall be constantly kept there; and that the Cardinals Orsino, Pignatelli, Caraffa, and Cantelmi, who have had their late Residence within the Kingdom of Naples, shall, before they come hither, perform a Quarantine at Pipino and Teraccina. Cardinal Bubi dyed some days ago at Osimo. The late Pope's Bull, published just before his Death, for the annulling the Four Propositions of the French Clergy, and all their other Proceedings about the Regalia in 1682, has been sent to the Nuncio's residing in France, Spain, and the other Courts.

Leghorne, February 12. The Articles of Marriage between the Elector Palatine and the Princess of Tuscany are concluded and signed; and the Prince de Heidersteinb is shortly expected at Florence as Ambassador Extraordinary from his Electoral Highness, to conduct the Princess to Insprucke, where the Elector will meet her. The Marquis d'Obizzi, the Emperor's Envoy to the Princes of Italy, is returned from Mantua, and is now on his way towards Florence, to confer and treat with the Great Duke about the present state of Affairs in Italy.

Vienna, February 18. The Baron de Winchelbstein arrived here on Thursday last from Buda, and brought an account of another advantageous Rencontre: our Troops have had with the Turks; the Governor of Colozza being abroad with 300 men, most of them Raicians, happened to meet a great Party of Turks, who had passed the Danube over the Ice between Illocke and the Castle of Waszka, and were ravaging the Country, and charged them with such vigour, that 120 of the Enemy were killed upon the place, made 40 Prisoners, among whom were three Aga's, and three Standards taken, with a great Booty: One of the Standards was brought hither by the said Baron de Winchelbstein, and presented to the Emperor. The Emperor has named

the Count de Thum to go his Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Poland. The Sieur Keyserfeld, the Emperor's chief Engineer, is gone to Buda, to finish the Fortifications of that place according to the Plan which he has given in to the Council of War. We have advice, that 1000 Turks and Tartars, of the Garison of Great Waradin, had surprized two Villages, where some Imperial Soldiers were quartered, most of whom were kill'd or taken Prisoners; but that General Chiacky drawing together the Militia thereabouts, with 100 Husfars, fell upon the Enemy in their return, and quite routed them, killing 300, taking divers Prisoners, with 120 Horses, and redeeming all the Christians which the Turks were carrying away with them.

Paris, February 27. We have an account from Savoy, that Monsieur Catinat is retired from before Montmelian, after having lost a considerable number of his men by the extremity of the Weather, as well as the Enemies Cannon; and that he has sent back most of the Troops to their Quarters, the rest remaining in the Neighbourhood of that place to form a kind of Blockade. The Cardinals of Bouillon and d'Estree set out two or three days ago on their Journey towards Rome; they intend, together with the Cardinals of Bonzi and Camus, to embark at Marseilles on the Gallies, and are appointed to transport them to Civita Vecchia. We are told, that the Dauphin's Equipage is making ready.

Brussels, February 28. The States of Brabant are still assembled, expecting the return of our Governor from the Hague, before they conclude their Deliberations about the Payment of the Troops that are upon the Repartition of this Province. Several Officers have offered, in case this Project take effect, to raise Companies at their own Charge. We hear from the French Conquests, that the Marquis de Boufflers is gone to Paris.

Hague, March 2. The King intends to go the next week to Loo, whither the two Electors, and the other Princes that are now here, will accompany His Majesty. Monsieur Overkerke is gone, by His Majesties command, towards the Frontiers, to take a Review of the Cavalry in their several Quarters. The King has made the Heer Van Opdam, and the Heer Van Scravenmore, Lieutenant-Generals. The Extraordinary Deputies, that are lately come hither from Zealand had yesterday Audience of the States of Holland, with the usual Ceremony.

Dublin, Febr. 12. The late Earl of Tyrconnel's arrival at Limerick, which was about the middle of the last month, has given the Irish no great Satisfaction, for besides the Party there is against him, the Succor he brought over consisting only of some Provisions, Clothes, and a small quantity of Ammunition, has not at all answered their expectations, so that the Deserters, who come from the Rebels Quarters, say, the Officers shew but Melancholy Countenances, as looking upon their Affairs to be in a very ill condition; however their Troops have of late been in motion; in the County of Cerke they appeared in a Body of about 2000, under the Command of Brigadier Cayal, and attack'd Fenney-bridge, where they were repulsed by a very small Garison, with the loss of 20 of their men; and after