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Cadiz, Decemb. 3.

ON the first instant arriv'd here the *King-Fisher*, Captain *Johnson* Commander, with four Merchant-ships from *Newfoundland*: He goes to *Malaga*, and returns hither in order to proceed for *England*, in Company of the *Reserve* and *Leopard*. We have had very ill Weather for some days past, in which six Dutch and two English Ships were lost on this Coast: They came from the North under Convoy of a Dutch Man of War; who arriv'd here the 2d of this month. The King of *Spain* demands 6 Millions for the Redoubt of the Galeons, which not being yet settled, the Merchants are not permitted to unlade their Goods.

Madrid, Decemb. 13. On the 4th instant 'twas declared in the Council of State that the King had given the Government of the Spanish Netherlands to the Elector of *Bavaria* for his Life; and his Patent for the same will be sent to *Flanders* by this Post. The Council is now employ'd in settling the Fonds for maintaining the Armies of this Crown in *Flanders*, *Milan*, and *Catalonia* the next Campaign; as likewise for the Fleet that is ordered to be fitted out against Spring. Here has been published a very strict Pragmatica to forbid the wearing of Gold and Silver Laces, Foreign Silks wrought with Gold, the gilding of Coaches, &c. as also to regulate the Expences of Mournings and Funerals.

Rome, Dec. 15. On Monday last the Pope held a private Confessory, and gave Audience to such of the Cardinals as desired it, some of whom touch'd upon the Differences with France; but they rather wish, than know how, to accommodate them, after the little Success all the Endeavours, to find out Expedients for that purpose, have hitherto had. On Tuesday arriv'd here an Express from the Duke of *Parma*, with an account, that the Germans had taken Winter quarters in that Duchy; upon which the Pope appointed some of the Cardinals to meet together, and to consider what is fit for him to do in this Matter. The Courier that was sent to *Spain* about the Dispute that happen'd lately at *Naples*, concerning the Jurisdiction of the Inquisition, is come back, with an Answer that gives no great Satisfaction to this Court; however 'tis believ'd this Business will be adjust'd by the Interposition of several Cardinals, who labour in it with great Earnestness.

Genova, Decemb. 15. The *Sieur de Rabenac*, the French Envoy, embark'd the 10th instant on a Galley of this State, which is to carry him to *Leghorn*; and from thence he will go to *Florence*, *Rome*, and *Venice*. The Gallies of the Duke of *Tosca's* Squadron are returned into this Port from *Final*, where they put ashore, for the Reinforcement of the Garrison, several Companies of Spaniards, which they brought from *Barcelona*.

Vienna, Dec. 27. This Court is wholly taken up with the Preparations for the next Spring, which, we are assur'd, will be very great. We expect every day to hear, that the Garrison of *Great Waradin* has capitulated; for all our Advices confirm, that they are reduced to great Necessities; They have of late made several Sallies, but have been always beaten back with great loss. Our Troops have intercepted a Letter from the Grand Visier to the *Bey* that commands there, wherein he encourages him to hold out, with Promises of speedy Succor. And 'tis said, that some Turkish Troops have of late been moving to *Tunis*, as if they intended to draw into a Body, to attempt the relief of that place; but we give little Credit to this Report; however the Imperial Forces are so

disposed of in their Winter-quarters, as that they can be quickly brought together to oppose the Enemy, in case they have any such design. The Count *d'Alpremont*, who was some time ago sent a Prisoner to a Castle in *Hungary*, for marrying with the Daughter of the Prince's *Ragoff*, without the Emperor's Leave, has again obtained his Liberty, and came hither on the 21th instant. We hear from *Croatia*, that the Turks of *Bosnia* had formed a Body of 4000 men, with which they threaten'd to make an Excursion towards *Novi* and *Cavelsaat*, but understanding our Troops on that side were on their Guard, they turn'd towards the Country of *Licca*, where they seiz'd upon some Cattel, but in their return were attack'd by our Troops, drawn out of the Neighbouring Garrisons, who killed many of them. The Turks work very hard to repair the Fortifications of *Belgrade*, where they are likewise making some new Works.

Heydelberg, Jan. 1. Six hundred French Horse, who pass'd the *Rhine* at *Fort Louis*, have made an Excursion into the Country of *Dowrlack*, where they plundered some Villages, and carried away several of the principal Inhabitants. At the same time 200 Imperial Hussars have pass'd the *Rhine* to make an Incursion into the French Territories. We hear, that 4000 men, of the French Troops, quartered in *Alsace*, are lately march'd towards *Saroy*, and that in their stead the like number is arriv'd there from *Lorraine*.

Cologne, January 1. We have advice, that the French are preparing to draw Detachements out of their Garrisons on the *Moselle*, and out of *Luxemburgh*, in order to make some Excursion, now the Rivers are every where frozen; upon which the Troops in Garrison here have put themselves into a readiness to march, and Orders are sent to the other Forces quartered in this Diocese to do the like, who will be drawn together upon the first notice of the Enemies motion. The Troops of *Holland*, *Brandenburgh*, and *Munster*, are to quit *Rhinberg* and *Keyserwaert* on the 2d instant, which places will for the future be only garrisoned by the Troops of our Elector.

Cologne, Jan. 4. *Rhinberg* was evacuated on the 2d instant; as *Keyserwaert* will be in few days. We hear nothing farther of any Motion of the French Troops on the *Moselle*.

Paris, Jan. 4. We are now told, that the Count *de Tourville* is to command again the French Fleet the next year; the rest of the chief Officers are likewise appointed. They write from *Saroy*, that the Articles for the Surrender of *Montmelian* were executed, and the Garrison march'd towards *Piedmont*: 'Tis said the French found in the place 38 pieces of Cannon, two Mortars, a considerable quantity of Ammunition, and saltd Provisions, with 200 Sacks of Corn. The Count *de Rabenac* is arriv'd at *Florence*, and from thence is to go to *Rome*.

Brussels, Jan. 6. The French are moving again between the *Sambre* and the *Menfe*, and 3000 of their Horse, under the command of the Count *de Dreux*, are advanced towards *Havelaine*. The Marquis *de Boufflers* is come to *Tournay*; and we hear, that the French King's Guards *du Corps*, the *Gens d'Arms*, Light Horse, Carabineers, and Dragoons of the Household, are to begin their march the 28th of this month towards *Lisle*, *Mons*, and *Valenciennes*; and that the Duke of *Luxemburgh* will follow soon after. In the mean time our Parties are continually abroad from this place; *Namur*, *Charlevoy*, *Huy*, and *Leige*, who advance as far as *Dinant*, *Thuin*, *Walcourt*, and *Baumeux*, to observe the Enemies Motions, and the necessary Measures