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Messina, December 10.

BY Letters from *Tripoly* in *Barbary* of the 10th past, we have advice, That 7 of those Corsairs were at Sea; and that the Tripolins were very busie in Building Houses without the Town for the Inhabitants to retire to in case the French should come again to attack them with their Bombs. And this day is come in a Felucca from *Malta*, the Patron whereof Reports, That the French have taken two Tricolin Men of War and brought one of them to *Malta*, being the Admiral of *Tropoli* of 50 Guns.

Leghorne, Dec. 29. The 18th instant arrived here an English Ship, called, *The Three Brothers*, Captain *Wilmot* Commander from *Scotland*, and on the 20th departed again for *Venice*. The 22d arrived in this Port the *Berkeley Castle*, Captain *Barret*, from *London*, *Alicant*, and *Barcelona*, richly laden. The 23d came in another English Merchantmen, called, *The Olive Tree of Bristol*, with *Salmon*, *Hides*, &c. from *Londonderry*. And yesterday our Great Dukes Gallies returned hither from *Marseilles*. The Great Prince and Princess are now with their Court at *Pisa*; and intend to come hither the next Week to pass the Carnival in this place, where two Operas are preparing for their Diversion.

Milan, Decemb. 31. Our Governor the Marquis de *Leganes* returned hither on Saturday last from *Turin*, and has since held a great Council of War. We are told that the Duke of *Savoy* has made an Agreement with the Duke of *Saxe Gotsa* for 2 of his Foot Regiments, which are to pass into the Service of his Royal Highness. The Cardinal Archbishop of this City was seized two days ago with an Apoplexy, and continues very dangerously ill.

Vicna, January 3. The Corps of the Electores of *Bavaria* having lain exposed three days upon a Bed of State, was Entered on Sunday last in the Evening in the Church of the Capuchins. The Proceeding was in this manner: First went all the Religious Orders, then the Magistrates of this City, the Offices of the Court, the Nobility, the Gentlemen of the Chamber to the Emperor and the King of the *Romans*, the Ministers, and the Knights of the *Golden Fleece*, all carrying Wax Tapers in their Hands; Then followed the Emperors Musick; The Chapter, and Canons of the Cathedral Church of *St. Stephen*, the Chaplains of the Court, divors Abbots and Bishops in their Pontifical Habits; These immediately preceded the Corps, which was carried on a Beer by 24 Knights of the *Golden Key*, the Coffin being covered with Cloth of Gold, with the Arms of the House of *Austria* and *Bavaria*, and the Electoral Bonnet lying on a Cushion likewise of Cloth of Gold; Next marched the Great Master of the Household to the Emperor, and the Electors Great Chamberlain, the Popes Nuncio, the Ambassadors of *Venice* and *Savoy*, (the Spanish Ambassador not being there by reason of his Illness;) Then came the King of the *Romans*, and the Archduchesses his Sisters, *Marie Elizabeth*, *Marie Amie*, and *Marie Therese*, followed by the Ladies of the Court, all that assisted at the Procession being in close Mourning, except the Religious; The march was closed by a Company of the Emperors Guards; And the Streets to prevent disorder were likewise lined with Soldiers. Being come into the Church the Body was placed near the Tomb of the late Empress *Margareta*, with the usual Ceremonies; after which, the King of the *Romans*, with the Archduchesses, returned to the Palace; The whole Solemnity having been performed with great Pomp and Mournful Magnificence. Our Preparations for the War are continued with great Diligence. The Officers have received Money for their Recruits, and a considerable Sum is assigned for providing Magazines. Count *Guido of Staremberg* parted from hence on the first instant towards *Germany*, being Named by the Emperor

to Command at *Coblentz*. The last Letters from *Turkey* advise, That the Dutch Ambassador the Heer Van *Hemskerke* was come to *Adriarople*, and was very well received by the Port; and they give good hopes that upon the arrival of my Lord *Paget* Ambassador from *England* a Peace or Truce will be Concluded.

Hydelberg, Jan. 11. The French drew lately some of their Troops together between *Landau* and *Philipsburg*, and gave out that they would pass the *Rhine*, and make a Ravage in the Country on this side; but we have this day advice, that they are seperated again, and all returned to their Quarters.

Coblentz, Jan. 11. The French in their late Retreat from before *Rhinfelt* revenged their ill success in that Enterprize upon the poor Country People, plundering and spoiling all the Villages and other places they passed through, without sparing even the Churches. They do all they can to disguise their loss in this Expedition, but its certain that it amounts to near 4000 Men. They give out that they will in a short time make another attempt upon *Rhinfelt*, *Mentz*, or *Coblentz*, but in the mean time their Troops are most of them returned to *Metz* in a very ill Condition, and extremely Disheartned. We hear from *Rhinfelt* that they had begun to repair their Fortifications ruined in the Siege; And that the Troops of *Hesse*, Commanded by the Baron de *Gortz*, had Orders to remain in *Garison* there.

Cologne, Jan. 13. The Count de *Lippe* arrived here on the 11th instant on the part of the Landgrave of *Hesse*, and the Baron de *Saffigh* from the Elector of *Trier*, to assist at the Conference that's going to be held in this City to provide for the security of the Circles of the *Upper* and *Lower Rhine*; And Count *Guido of Staremberg* is expected here this day to be present at the same on the behalf of the Emperor; as the Count d'Arc is to be for the Elector of *Bavaria*; Major General *Heyder* for the Elector of *Brandenburg*; Major General *Autel* for the Elector *Palatin*; Lieutenant General *Bernsau* for the Elector of *Cologne*; and the Baron de *Plettenburg* for the Bishop of *Munster*. The Court of *France* being under great Difficulties to raise Money, has resolv'd to make all the Publick Offices in the Dutchy of *Luxemburg* Hereditary, and to Sell them to the highest Bidders. The Regiment which that Province has been obliged to raise for the French Service is said to be almost compleat.

Paris, Jan. 12. The News of the raising of the Siege of *Rhinfelt* has put this Court under no small uneasiness, for that it very much breaks their Measures, and may serve to disabuse the *Turks*, whom they feed with promises of making a great Diversion in *Germany*, to keep them from entering upon a Treaty of Peace with the Emperor, to which the Port seems otherwise to be much inclined by the ill state of their Affairs. The Count d'Avaux, and Monsieur de *Borrepos*, Ambassadors from this Crown to *Sweden* and *Denmark*, are arrived at *Dunkirke*, and we expect our next Letters from thence will tell us they are Embarked. We have advice that three French Men of War meeting lately with two Tripolins near *Malta*, after a pretty sharp Engagement took them both, and that one is brought in to *Malta*, and the other to *Toulon*, having on board above 400 *Turks*, and 60 *Christians*. 'Tis said that the French King has given the Duke Administrator of *Wirtemberg* (who was taken Prisoner some time ago) his Liberty.

Brussels, Jan. 14. The French Troops are retired out of the Neighbourhood of *Newport* and *Furnes*, and gone back to their Quarters. The Elector of *Bavaria* has given the Government of *Newport* to the Duke of *Holfstein*; and after having Reinforced that *Garison* to between 6 and 7000 Men, and given the other necessary Orders for its security, returned hither on the 12th instant; and our Troops that were drawn together on that side are marching again to their several *Garisons*. By the last Courier from