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Genova, Decemb. 5.

Two Days ago arrived in this Port a Vessel with 200 Soldiers from Naples; and we hear that 10 Barks that came out in her company were obliged by bad weather to put into Leghorn, having on board several Companies of Soldiers, lately raised in the Kingdom of Naples for the Service of the State of Milan.

Turin, Decemb. 8. The French Troops that have lain several days about Savilian, Fossan, and Roccaugi, were yesterday in motion again, and it is believed they are going to repass the Mountains; They have plundered all the Villages round those places, and have sent back their heavy Artillery to Pignorol; There reigns a Dis temper among the Soldiers suffer, of which many have died; and the Peasants who are in Arms, and abroad in small Parties, do very much disturb the Enemy, and have cut off a considerable number of them. The Duke of Savoy has ordered the Regiment of his Foot Guards to enter into this City; and some other Troops are put into the Citadel; The Regiment of *Alfi* is marched to *Valona*; and his Royal Highness Dragoons to the Frontier of *Monferrat*, and the rest of the Considerate Forces who were lately encamped at *Moncalter*, are now lodged in the Burgs and Villages about this City. Yesterday dyed here the Marquis de *Mombroun* of the wounds he received in the Battle of *Merzaglia*. We have an account from *Pignorol*, that the Garrison there is very sickly, and Provisions scarce.

Cadix, Nov. 30. This day arrived here three Spanish Ships of the *Floa* from *New Spain*, who were about 20 days ago separated from their Admiral in bad Weather. The Spanish Armada, under the Command of Don Pedro Corbete is now Crossing off Cape *St. Vincent*.

Madrid, Decemb. 9. We have the good news of the safe arrival of the *West-India* *Flota* at *Cadix*; On the 30th of the last month came in 5 Ships, having about 20 days before been separated from the Captains, who had lost her Rudder in a Storm, and was feared to be in much danger; but the next day the Captains came in alone, being half full of Water, and scarce able to swim; and on the 2d arrived the Vice-Admiral and Rear Admiral with 7 Ships more, Convoys by 12 Spanish Men of War under the Command of Don Pedro Corbete; who met them off Cape *St. Vincent*; and at the same time fell in with them about 30 English and Dutch Merchant Ships bound to the *Streights*; There are still wanting 4 Ships of the *Flota*, but they are very inconsiderable in comparison of those that are come in, who are all very richly laden. The Government of *Catalonia* is at last given to the Duke of *Escalona*, at present Viceroy of *Navarre*; Orders are issued out for taking an account in all the Provinces of what Men are fit to bear Arms; and the next month a Review will be taken of the Kings Guards.

Vienna, Dec. 16. There have been lately held at this Court several Conferences about the Affairs of *Piedmont*, at which were present the Ministers of the King of *Spain*, and the Duke of *Savoy*; And we are assured, That the Emperor has resolved to send his Royal Highness a great Reinforcement against the next Campaign. To Recruit the old Imperial Regiments is proposed. That the States of the Hereditary Countries shall raise such a number of Men, as may be sufficient for that Service; which is believed the Emperor will approve of; and that the several Provinces will consent to it. The Advices from the Frontiers say, That the Turks make great Preparations against the next year; That *Tekely* was sent for to *Adrianople*, to assist at a great Council of War; That he was accordingly preparing for that Journey; and had already sent away part of his Baggage; which the *Radzies* having notice of, they fell upon in the night that guarded it, killed about 50, and took several Wagons. 'Tis said, That the Government of *Efflate* will be given to Count *Guido* of *Stra-*

remberg, and that *Peter Waradin*, *Sogedin*, and other Garrisons on that side, are to be made Dependent on the same.

Frankfort, Dec. 23. On Friday last a Party of 400 French came to *Hydeberg*, where they staid several hours, and having plundered some poor Houses that are left standing in the Suburbs of that City, they returned to *Philipberg*. They write from *Alsace*, That the French Officers take from the Country People all the Corn they can find to fill their Magazines, leaving them only what is necessary for their Subsistence; and 'tis confirmed, that they are in great want of Horses to remount their Cavalry.

Cologne, Dec. 25. Several Persons were seized some days ago within this Diocese, who were going with Horses to the French; and they will be proceeded against with all Severity. We are told, That the *Cologne* Regiment of Horse, commanded by Count *d'Arco*, is to pass into the Service of the States General of the *United Provinces*. They write from the *Upper Rhine*, That the Enemy continue their new Levies with great diligence, and that they are making Magazines at *Strasbourg*, *Philipsbourg*, *Landau*, and other places in *Alsace*.

Paris, Decemb. 25. The General Assembly of the Clergy met on the 14th instant in the great Convent of the *Augustins*, and chose the Archbishop of *Paris* to be their President: The 17th they went in a Body to *Versailles*, and were introduced to their Audience of the French King by the Marquis de *Blainville* Great Master of the Ceremonies; the 18th the *Sieurs de Ponchatain*, de *Pouffor*, and *Harley*, came to their Assembly, and in the King's Name demanded of them to multiply for the War, whereupon they granted 4 Millions of *Livres*, but with this condition, That the Tax formerly laid upon the Woods belonging to the Clergy be taken off, and all proceedings in consequence thereof annulled. The Letters from the several parts of this Kingdom continue to be filled with accounts of the great misery which the generality of People suffer under, occasioned by the scarcity of Corn and Wine, and the interruption of Commerce. The Farmers of the *Taille* having represented the Losses they sustain by reason of this general Poverty in the Kingdom, the Court is so sensible thereof, that an abatement is allowed them of 3 Millions. The Marquis de *Tesse* arrived here the 18th from *Piedmont*; whence we have advice by the last Letters that the French Forces are separated, and going to their Winter-quarters on this side the Mountains.

Brussels, Decemb. 27. The 21st instant being the Birth-day of the Queen-Mother of *Spain*, the whole Court went out of Mourning for that Day, and at Night there was a Ball at the Prince de *la Tours*. The 22d was hanged in the great Market place of this City, the French Engineer *Duval*, who was convicted of being a Spy, and of holding a constant Correspondence with the Governors of the French Frontier Garrisons; and two other persons, his Accomplices, are now Prisoners at *Antwerp*. On the 24th was solemnized here the Anniversary of the Funeral of the late Electors of *Bavaria*; the Chapel of the Palace was all hung with Mourning, and a magnificent Mausoleum, or Tomb, set round with Lights, was prepared in the middle of the Quire, and the Vigils with the other Service were sung in the presence of his Electoral Highness and most of the great Men and Persons of Quality of the Court. On Friday in the Evening Monsieur *Dickvelt* arrived here from *Holland*; whither Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* (who stay'd here longer than he intended to confer with him) will now be going in a day or two. His Electoral Highness has given orders for three payments more to be made to the Soldiers before the opening of the Campaign; He has named the two Presidents of the Chambers of Accounts of *Brabant* and *Flanders*, and a Counsellor of the Finances to examine the Accounts of all the Receivers of the Revenue, and to see