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Cadix, Decemb. 28.

THE Indulto of the Fleet, which lately arrived in this Port from *New Spain*, is sorted at 550000 pieces of Eight, and the Ships will accordingly begin to un-lade to-morrow, or the day following. Four Spanish Men of War are ordered to Sea, for the security of the Ships expelled from *Buenos Ayres*; which, as we hear, are put into *Rio di Ginero*. On the 4th instant sailed from hence the *R. Service* Frigate, with divers English Merchant Ships for *Malaga*.

Madrid, Jan. 7. The King of *Spain* having resolved to reinforce his Army in *Catalonia* with a considerable Body of Horse and Foot, new Levies are making for that purpose in the several Provinces of this Kingdom; and 'tis said, that the Constable of *Castile* has undertaken to raise a Regiment of Horse at his own Charge. The Indulto of the Spanish Flora is adjusted; and the Com-morce is to pay 550000 pieces of Eight for the same. Orders are sent to hasten out the Galeons which are designed this year to *New Spain*. Directions are likewise given for refitting the Armada with all possible diligence.

Turin, Jan. 9. General *Caprara* went hence on the first instant for *Milan*, where he will continue till all Matters be fully adjusted concerning the Winter-quarters for the Imperial Forces, and the Contributions that are demanded of the Princes of *Italy* for their Subsistence. The Preparations for the next Campaigne are carried on here with great Application. The Duke of *Savoy* designs to go in few days to view the Garison and Fortifications of *Com. 'Tis confirmed, that the French have lost above 3000 men, and a great many Horses in their retreat out of Piedmont; The Vaudois were particularly very troublesome to them, having taken 400 Mules, with a great number of Arms, and the Baggage of divers French Officers. We hear from Casal, That the Garison of that place is very much weakened by Sickness.*

Milan, January 11. Some of the German Troops are marching from *Monferrat* to take their Winter-quarters in the Darchy of *Mantua*. The Duke of *Parma* offers a Sum of Money in lieu thereof, and has sent an Envoy hither to Treat about this Matter. The Count *de Caprara*, General of the Emperors Forces in *Italy*, arrived here some days ago from *Turin*, and has since had several Conferences with our Governour.

Copenhagen, Jan. 16. The Ships mentioned in my last to have been driven by the Ice out of this Road, were first the most part put ashore upon the Island of *Salsbolme*; Some of them are since got off again; but 7 or 8 are still aground there, and 3 are utterly lost, one of them being a French Ship of 500 Gun, laden with Wheat.

Vienna, Jan. 13. The States of the *Lower Austria* met on the 11th instant in the great Hall of the Palace, and the Emperor being Seated on his Throne, the Vice-Chancellor of *Austria*, by his Command, made a Speech to them, to let them know in the first place the great Satisfaction his Imperial Majesty has in the many Marks they give him of their Fidelity and Zeal for his Service; Secondly, To acquaint them with the great Preparations that are made by the Turks on one side, and the French on the other, against the next Campaigne; And lastly, To shew them the necessity the Emperor is under, to do the like on his part, for preventing the dangerous designs of their Enc-

mies, and to demand of them such Subsidies as may be suitable to the present Urgency of Affairs: After which, he gave them the Emperors Proposition, or Demand in Writing. Then the Emperor himself made a short Speech to them on the occasion of their Meeting; and the Count *de Traun*, Marchion Speaker of the Assembly, answered in General and Submissive Terms, thanking his Imperial Majesty for his favourable Expressions to them, and assuring him, that although the Country was already exhausted by a long and cruel War, which had laid waste many Towns and Villages, yet considering the great Dangers that threatened them, they would readily contribute their utmost towards accomplishing his Imperial Majesties good Intentions for their common Defence and Preservation; referring the consideration of particulars to the Assembly, and concluding with Wishes of a happy Reign to his Imperial Majesty, and Prosperity to his Arms. The Affairs of *Italy* are still under Consideration at this Court: Among the other Troops designed thither, will be sent 2000 Hungarians, the Emperor intending to have in *Piedmont* the next Campaigne above 20000 men of his own Forces.

Frankfort, Jan. 24. It rines very hard again; and the Saxon and other Confederate Forces are ordered to draw nearer to the *Rhine*. A great Magazine is provided here of Meal, Oats, and Hay. The French are very busie to Recruit their Troops, forcing all the young Men they like into the Service, but many of them Desert, and of these 50 are come to *Rhinfeldt*.

Cologne, Jan. 16. On the 18th instant, the Elektor of *Cologne* was unanimously chosen Coadjutor of *Hildesheim*, of which advice was brought hither by an Express. The Brandeburg Troops quartered in this Diocese, and the Neuburgers who lie in the *Eyfeldt*, are ordered to be in a readines to march.

Paris, Jan. 25. The Marschal *de Castinat* has since his arrival from *Piedmont*, had several Conferences with the Ministers of this Court; and its said, that he will suddenly return thither, to prepare things for an early Campaigne. The Deputies of the States of *Artois* had on the 17th Audience of the French King, being preferred by the Duke *d'Elbeuf*, Governour of the Province. We have Advice from *Germany*. That a Fire lately happened at *Brisac*, which has done much damage to the Cittadel there: And that the Grisons have granted passage through their Territories to the Troops which the Emperor is sending to reinforce his Army in *Italy*. The Deputies of the Parliament of *Paris*, and the other Tribunals, with those of the Clergy, and the principal Merchants of this City, met again the last Week, to consider of farther ways for the Relief of the poorer sort of People; those that have already been made use of not being sufficient for the great numbers of them that are found in and about this City.

Brussels, Jan. 24. Since the return of the Frost, the French double their diligence in the Preparations they are making for some present undertaking; They have marched both Horse and Foot from very remote Garisons, to *Metz* and *Tournaay*; and a great Detachment of the Garisons of *Charlmon* and *Dinant* is come to *Namur*. On the other hand, our Troops are every where upon the Frontiers in a very good Condition to receive the Enemy in case they attempt any thing upon us; and Orders have been sent to keep all the Villages between this Town and *Torwandre*, to keep