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**W** Malaga, November 30. We have had very bad Weather for these 9 or 10 days, the Wind at South West; yet the Ships in this Port have received no damage; but we had an account yesterday, that two Genoese Ships and 5 Sarcies are cast away in Almeria Bay, and most of the Men drowned. The Moors continue the Siege of Ceuta notwithstanding the continual Rains: And on Friday last the Spaniards made a Sally, beat them out of two of their Intrenchments, and killed many of them, and at last perceiving greater numbers of the Enemy were coming towards them, they retired to the Town without the loss of one Man. On Sunday last went from hence 10 Gallies to the Relief of Ccuta.

**Turin, Dec. 15.** The Duke of Savoy's Forces and the Germans quartered in Piedmont, have orders to be in a readiness to march, but 'tis not known what Enterprize they are designed for. The Discourse continues that the Blockade of Casal will be turned into a formal Siege so soon as the Season is proper for it. My Lord Galloway is returned hither from Switzerland.

**Vicna, Dec. 15.** Monsieur Heimskerke, the Dutch Ambassador, arrived here last Sunday from Turin, and had this day a private Audience of the Emperor. 'Tis confirmed from Upper-Hungary, that the Bassa of Gyula has put out of the Town above 300 Persons for want of Provisions to feed them, several of whom are come to our Frontier Places, and report, that the Garison of Gyula, unless relieved, cannot hold out this Winter. They make great Preparations here for the next Campaign; and the States of the Lower-Austria are to meet again after the Holidays, to settle the matter of the Recruits. My Lord Lexington, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of Great-Britain, is to have this Evening his first Audience of the Emperor.

**Frankfort, Dec. 22.** They write from Alsace, that the Nobility of that Country have sent Deputies to the French Court, to sollicite an abatement of the great Taxes imposed upon them, for that they are not able to pay them. New Levies are making for the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel; and the Officers of the Confederate Troops are very diligent in making their Recruits. Prince Lewis of Baden has sent a Gentleman to Vienna to desire the Emperor to be Godfather to his young Son.

**Hamburg, Dec. 24.** The Letters from Poland tell us, that the General Dyet of that Kingdom is to meet the 12th of January next, and that the Little or Provincial Dyets for choosing and instructing their Deputies, were to begin the 10th of this month.

**Paris, Dec. 24.** The Marechal de Tourville has, since his return from Toulon, given in an account

of the State of the French Fleet, and what is wanting to put them into a condition to go to Sea the next Summer. They write from Bress of the 13th, that they are going to build there 3 Frigats of between 40 and 50 Guns each, who are to serve as Privateers; The King furnishes the Timber, Cordage, Iron, and other Materials, as also the Cannon, but the Workmen and other Charges of fitting them out, are to be paid by the Undertakers, who in consideration thereof are to have all the Prizes they shall take for the space of two years, and after that they are to belong to the King. The Count de Toulouse, Duke d'Anville, Admiral of France, took possession yesterday of that Office, after Reading and Registring in the Parliament of Paris his Letters Patents, and performing the other usual Ceremonies. The Marechal de Castin does not come to Court this Winter; but will have his Residence at Ambrun; They write from Pignat of the 10th, that two French Engineers, who were lately employed in building the Forts that keep the Communication between the Remyse and Pignat, had upon some discontent deserted the French Service, and were gone over to the Enemy. Monsieur Vauban, the Engineer, has been to visit the Coasts, and we hear that they are making several new Fortifications at Havre-de-Grace, to secure that place against another Bombarding, which they are very apprehensive of. The Methods of raising the Poll Tax are still under Consideration; They propose to divide the same under six Heads; 1. The first of the Princes, Dukes, and Peers; 2. Marechals of France, and the rest of the Nobility; 3. The Parliaments and Sovereign Courts; 4. The Presidials and Inferior Courts of Justice; 5. The Clergy; 6. The Commonalty comprehending their Men and Mid Servants, who are to pay 40 Sols each, and the rest in proportion to their Estates; which occasions such dissatisfactions, besides the difficulties that arise about raising it, that many think this Tax will not be levied at last, or if it be, that 'twill be under another name.

**Brussels, Dec. 26.** The Elector of Bavaria has put off his Journey to meet the Electores till tomorrow, by reason her Royal Highness cannot arrive on the Frontiers of Guelderland so soon as was at first expected; In the mean time very splendid preparations are made here for her Reception. The Duke of Wirtemberg is come hither from Ghent; and the Earl of Athlone and Monsieur Dickwell are hourly expected from Holland. One of our Oftend Men of War brought into that Port the 19th Instant a Dunkirke Privateer of 12 Guns.

**Hague, Dec. 28.** N. S. The Electores of Bavaria arrived the 14th at Helberstadt, and was expected the 20th or 21th at Bileveld, and from thence would continue her Journey towards Wesel. The Council of State have this day settled the Matter concerning the Artillery Hories that are to be provided for the next Campaign.

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