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Leghorne, October 15. N. S.

Several Barks are come in here this Week from Provence, by whom we have advice, That the French Gallies are returned to Marseilles from the Coast of Catalonia; and that they are fitting out 8 Frigats at Thoulon. The Panther, Capt. Fuller, sailed hence the 10th instant to Cruise; and the Slaughter-Galley will depart to-morrow, for Scanderoon.

Venice, October 18. The News of a Battel between the Venetian and Turkish Fleets, is confirmed by Advices from Zeffalonia, and other Places, which tell us at the same time, the Advantage was very much on our side: 'Tis said the Captain-Bassa Mezzomorto is killed, 6 Turkish Ships, called Sultanes, taken, and two sunk; That the Venetians pursued the Enemy to Scio; and landed afterwards in the Island of Negropour, and made themselves Masters of a strong Castle. But there is yet no account come of this Engagement directly from the Fleet; whence we are therefore expecting Letters with much Impatience. The Pope has caused 40000 Crowns to be remitted to his Nuncio here, which Money is to be paid to the Germans, on account of their Winter Quarters.

Milan, Octob. 17. On the 9th instant the French Forces before Valence began to draw off their Cannon from the Batteries, and to quit the Posts they were Masters of near the Town; and on the 14th they left their Camp, and marched towards Montferrat. The German Troops are still Encamped at Vigevanano, staying for the first Payment of the 300000 Pistoles, allowed them by the Princes of Italy, for Winter Quarters, and Security for the remainder. Our Governor, the Marquis de Leganes has been to view the Garison of Valence since the raising of the Siege, and to thank them for having so well defended it: 'Tis certain, the French lost a great many Men there. The Prince de Commercy is come hither, and will in few days be going for Vienna.

Turin, Octob. 19. The Duke of Savoy returned hither from the Army on the 11th of this month; and his Troops that were before Valence are since come back into Piedmont: The French Forces have left the Milanenze, but make a Halt in Montferrat, till the Germans do likewise march away, who are first to receive One hundred thousand Pistols, in part for their Winter Quarters. The Duke of Savoy has appointed Commissaries to attend the French Forces in their march, to provide Forage for them, and to do all they can to prevent Disorders: They design to march in 4 several Bodies, one by the way of Aost, another by Susa, a third by the Valley of Perous, and the fourth by Barcelonette: Most of these Troops are, it's said, to Winter in Provence; and, considering the Season, they must

make haste to pass the Mountains, that they may not be prevented by the Snow, which generally falls in these Parts, in great abundance, in November. The Prince of Trivulzio and the Marquis of Bourgomano, Hostages for the Emperor and for Spain; and the Count de Tisse and the Marquis de Vins, for the French, are come hither, and are to remain in this City, till what has been agreed on is performed. Cunct Mansfelt, the Imperial Envoy, and Count Brainer, Commissary-General of the German Forces, are likewise come hither from Milan, and will stay a few days here. The Duke of Savoy has ordered two Battalions of his Troops to march towards Pignerol, to assist the French in demolishing the Fortifications of that Place.

Vienna, October 22. The last Advices from Hungary inform us, That the Grand Visier finding the Fortress of Tirul too well provided to attempt it with any probability of success, had given over that design, and was following the Sultan to Adrianople; and the Turkish Troops were all marching to their Winter Quarters. Upon this Advice, General Caprara, who encamped with the Imperial Army the 8th Instant at Tallia, two Leagues from Effek, ordered the Troops to separate there on the 12th, and to repair to the several Quarters assigned them. The Forces that marched under General Rabutin to Transylvania, were by the last Letters from those parts Posted near Deva, intending in few days to march likewise to their Winter-Quarters. The Duke of Lorraine arrived here the 14th from Hungary, and was very kindly received by the Emperor. The Elector of Saxony continues still at this Court. The Envoy of Muscovy had this Week Audience of the Emperor, to whom he presented a Letter from the Czar, containing an ample account of his late Victories against the Turks and Tartars. General Caprara is expected here in few days.

Frankfort, Octob. 28. The Forces on the Rhine are gone on both sides into their Winter-Quarters. Prince Lewis of Baden is at present at Guntzburg, and will continue there some time: A good Body of Troops are posted near the Rivers Rhine and Neckar, to secure those Countries against the Enemies Excursions, during the Winter. The State of Franconia, Suabia, and the other Circles are going to meet, to consult about the Preparations for the next year.

Hamburgh, Octob. 30. The Assistance-Frigat, Capt. Robinson Commander, being Convoy to the Merchant-ships from Hull, arrived here on Sunday last; and brought in a Ship of 120 Tuns laden with Sugars from St. Malo, which, we believe, will prove a good Prize.

Paris, October 29. The Campagne is every where ended; and our General Officers are returning hither. The Marechal de Villaroy would have been here before now, had he not been taken ill with the Gout on his Journey. The Letters