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Rome, Dec. 22. N. S.

THE Pope continues on the mending hand, however there being no likelihood that he will be well enough to perform the Ceremony of opening the Gate of St. Peter's Church, he appointed a Congregation of Cardinals to examine former Precedents in like Cases, who having met accordingly, were of opinion, if the Pope could not himself be present at this Solemnity, that Cardinal Cibo, as Dean of the College of Cardinals, was the most proper Person to supply his Place; but he being likewise much indisposed, this Office belongs to the Cardinal de Bouillon as Vice-Dean; Which the Pope has approved of, and the Cardinal de Bouillon is accordingly appointed to open the Jubilee on Christmas Eve. The Duke d'Uceda, Ambassador from Spain, has visited Cardinal Spada, and the other Cardinals of the Palace; And the usual Visits and Compliments have also passed between him and the Imperial and French Ambassadors, and other Publick Ministers; His Excellency intends in few days to go to Gaeta, to confer with the Duke of Medina Celi Vice-Roy of Naples, and has deferred his Entry till after his return from thence. The Cardinals Imperiali and Cantelmi are come hither from Naples. Count Leimborg, Ambassador from the Emperor, is daily expected here from Vienna, part of his Servants and Equipage being already arrived. A certain Astrologer in this City is seized, and committed to the Castle of St. Angelo, for having given out that the Pope will die on Christmas Eve. The Bishoprick of Ancona is given to Cardinal d'Asli.

Venice, Jan. 1. We have received Advice from Rome, that the Pope is much better, and that there are greater hopes of his Recovery than have yet been since his Illness. The Cardinal Bouillon did perform the Ceremony of opening the Gate of St. Peter's Church on Christmas Eve. Our last Letters from Dalmatia say, Signior Grimani, Commissioner from this Republick for settling the Limits between the Venetian and Turkish Territories, who is now at Castel-Navo, had been very ill of a Fever, but was on the mending hand. The Senate has Published several Orders to restrain the Excesses in Feastings, Publick Diversions, and Wearing Apparel, and particularly the great Expences which the Procurators of St. Mark were usually at in making their Entries, and keeping open House upon their Election, and also the great Expences made by young Noblemen upon their Admission into the Great Council. The Advices from Constantinople say, the Ambassador of this Republick was in few days to have his Publick Audience of the Grand Signior, and that 'twas reported the Grand Signior intended to return to Andrinople in the Spring.

Vienna, Dec. 30. The Arch-Duke Charles has the Small-Pox, but is as well as one can be in his condition. The Count of Wells, whom the Emperor has appointed to be his Envoy to the Court of Sweden, has received Orders to hasten his departure: Great Preparations are making here for the Entry of the Turkish Ambassador, who according to our last Letters from Abu Regalis, was come thither from Essek in his Journey to this

Place. Cardinal Santa Croce, Nuncio from the Pope, is taking his Leave of the Persons of Quality at Court, intending shortly to return to Rome. The Bishop of Lerida, Ambassador from Spain, has had Audience of Leave of the Emperor, and will depart from hence in few days in order to return to Madrid.

Berlin, Dec. 28. The Ratifications of the Treaty lately concluded at Warsaw between the Crown of Poland and the Elector of Brandenburg for accommodating the Business of Elbing, will be sent in a day or two to Warsaw to be exchanged with those of Poland. The Elector of Brandenburg has given Directions for Building several new Apartments, and making other Improvements in his Palace in this City, and 'tis said his Electoral Highness intends, while this is doing, to take a Journey to Prussia. The Count of Denhoff, who has resided at the Emperor's Court as the Elector's Envoy Extraordinary; is made Commissary-General of War, and Monsieur Denhoff, his Brother, High Chamberlain. The Sieur Berchem is declared Counsellor of State.

Dresden, Jan. 1. The King of Poland is gone from this Place to pass some days at Torgau. The Ministers, to whom the Care of Military Matters is committed, meet frequently together to consider of providing Quarters and Subsistence for the Saxon Forces in this Electorate; The King intends in a very short time to return to Warsaw.

Hambourgh, Jan. 3. The Danes continue their Preparations for attacking the Duke of Holstein's new-built Forts; Their Artillery is ready, and the Frost being come which they feared to expect with some Impudence, their Forces begun to march towards Rensbourg, where they are to have their General Rendezvous, but the Weather changing suddenly to a Thaw, has obliged them to defer for the present the Prosecution of this Design; The Princes Mediators continue in the mean time to employ their good Offices for accomodating the Buidels of Holstein, before things came to a Rupture by the committing of open Hostilities. The Duke of Wirtemberg continues in this City, and is somewhat indisposed. They are raising Soldiers in the Dutchy of Bremen, to reinforce the Swedish Regiments which are Quartered in those Parts, and 'tis said, these Troops are in a readines to march on the first Order they shall receive, being design'd to join the Duke of Holstein's Troops if there be occasion, and that the Duke of Cell will also assist his Highness in case he is attacked by the Danes. Our Letters from Copenhagen say, The King of Denmark has given Directions for fitting out a Squadron of Men of War early in the Spring, as also for providing three Magazines in Holstein, one at Altona, another at Itzehoe, and the 3^d at Oldenbuss. They write from Stockholm, that the King of Sweden had given Orders for the raising 2 Regiments of Dragoons, and that Major General Rauscheid and Colonel Classeau who are to Command them, were gone for that purpose to Sebonen. The Count of Guiscard, Ambassador from France, made his Publick Entry at Stockholm the 24th of the last Month, and on the 26th had Audience of the King of Sweden.

Hague, Jan. 11. The States of Holland and Westfrisia continue assembled, but will adjourn on the 14th Instant. The Envoy of Morocco is daily expected here from Amsterdam, and soon after his return to this place, will take his Audience of Leave of the States General: Our last Letters from Hambourgh say, Monsieur Cranembourg, who is to assist on the part of this State at the Conference for adjusting the Affair of Holstein, is a rival thereof; and that Monsieur d'Opdam, Envoy from the States General, took his Audience of Leave of the King of Poland at Dresden on the 31st of the last Month, and intended to return towarth Berlin.