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Madrid, Dec. 31. N. S.

THE King of Spain continues in perfect Health; He dined in Publick on *Christmas* day, and received the usual Compliments from the Ministers of State and other Persons of Quality. He has made Don Gabriel Ponce Brother to the Duke of Arcos, a Grandee of Spain. The Duke of Bejar is likewise made a Grandee. On the 23d Instant died here, in the 88th year of his Age, Don Pedro Paulo Spinola, Marquis de los Balbaces, Counsellor of State, and President of the Council for the Affairs of Italy; He was famous for his Negotiations abroad, having been Ambassador from Spain at the Emperor's Court, Plenipotentiary for the Peace at Nimeguen, and afterwards Ambassador at the Court of France for the Marriage of the King of Spain with the late Queen, who was Daughter to the Duke of Orleans. The Prince of Hesse Darmstadt, Governor of Catalonia, has been very ill, but is perfectly recovered. The Marquis of Leganez, who has likewise been indisposed, is well again. The Duke of Holstein Ploer, General of the Spanish Horse in the Netherlands, is come hither from Flanders.

Venice, Jan. 15. The Senate have resolved to make use of the present time of Peace, to repair and augment, as shall be found necessary all their Frontier Places in Dalmatia and the Morea, and to provide them with good Magazines. Most of the Servants and Equipage of Count Berke; Ambassador from the Emperor to this Republick, are arrived here, and his Excellency is expected in few days; 'Tis said, he has all the necessary Powers and Instructions for accommodating the Differences between the Emperor and this State about the Limits of their respective Dominions on the Borders of Dalmatia and Croatia. The Duke of Mantua has sent part of his Retinue to Mantua, however 'tis believed he will continue in this City till the Carnival is over. Cardinal Cornaro, Bishop of Padua, is taking Informations concerning the Life and Conversation of Cardinal Barberigo his Predecessor in that Bishoprick, in order to his being Canonized. Letters from Rome of the 29th of the last Month say, the Pope was quite freed of his Fever, but continued still extrem weak; He has not yet declared the two Cardinals he reserved in Petto, nor fixed upon the Choice of Nuncio's to be sent to the Courts at Vienna, Paris, and Madrid, in the Room of the Nuncio's now there, who being made Cardinals, are ordered to return hither, altho he is very much pressed to do both by Cardinal Spada, and the other Cardinals that have the liberty of coming

to him. The last Advices from Constantinople give an Account, that the Envoy of Muscovy way frequently in Conference with the Grand Visier to treat of prolonging the Truce, or making a Peace between the Ottoman Empire and the Czar of Muscovy, but that the Turks insist that Azoph be restored to them, which the Czar will by no means consent to; However the Turks having at present a great inclination to Peace, it's likely some Expedient may be found to remove this Difficulty, in which the Port will be the more forward, if what is reported be true, viz. That the Persians intend to make War upon the Turks, and are making great Preparations for this purpose.

Warsaw, Jan. 3. The Cardinal Primate has sent an Express to the King of Poland with the Universalia or Circular Letters for calling together a General Diet, which, as soon as the King has signed them, will be sent to the several Palatinates, that they may chuse their Deputies, and the Diet be ready to sit immediately after the King's return hither, who is expected in a short time. They write from Cracow, that the Bishop of that Place died there some days ago; He will doubtless be much regretted by the King, to whom he was very serviceable at the time of his Election, having Proclaimed and Crowned him King upon the Primate's refusing to do it; Lieutenant-General Greben is appointed to be Governor of the City of Elbing, and has received Orders to march thither with his Regiment, in order to take Possession of that Place as soon as the Elector of Brandenburg's Forces have evacuated it.

Copenhagen, Jan. 12. The King of Denmark's Journey to Holstein continues very uncertain. The Count of Ravenslau is raising a Regiment of Dragoons, and Commissions are given out for raising several Regiments of Horse. The Fleet is ordered to be fitted out early in the Spring, and this Court seems to continue in a Resolution, to oblige the Duke of Holstein to demolish the Forts he has lately built in Holstein, notwithstanding the Assistance he may expect from Sweden, or the Princes of the House of Lunenbourg. Monsieur Ablefeldt, Envoy from the King of Denmark to the Elector of Brandenburg, is ordered to return home, Monsieur Van Oosten being sent to reside at Berlin in his room. The Difference between this Court and the Envoys residing here, about the manner of their Reception, is not yet adjusted, so that none of them has yet had Audience of the King.

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