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Rome, January 27. N. S.

ON the 14th Instant, about 2 hours after Sunset, we had an Earthquake, whereof we have since felt several Shocks, which has put the Inhabitants of this Place under the greatest Consternation, and the Pope has granted a Jubilee of 14 days, and ordered that there should be extraordinary Devotions performed in all our Churches upon this occasion. The Damage which this Earthquake has done here is inconsiderable, but at Norcia, Cassia, Civitavecchia, and several other Places in the Ecclesiastical State, many Houses and other Buildings have been thrown down, and above 15000 Persons bury'd under the Ruins.

Warsaw, January 24. A Body of Swedish Forces is advanced towards this Place, who declare they come as Friends, and expect no more than bare Subsistence, which they hope to obtain voluntarily; but in other Parts of this Kingdom their Troops raise great Contributions, and require the Inhabitants to join with them. The Princes of the House of Sapieha, and some others, appear openly for them, and divers of the Chief Nobility are suspected of favouring that Interest; on the other hand 40000 Muscovites are marched into Lithuania, who have sent Proposals to the Cossacks, inviting those People to join with them in the Defence of their King, and it is said that not only the Cossacks accepted these Offers, but that the Crown General also will side with them, so that the War is likely to be carried on with violence in the very heart of this Kingdom. In the mean time the Diet of Rusland continues assembled to consider of the Demands of the Swedes, and their Resolutions in an Affair of so great a Consequence are impatiently expected, since an Example of this Principle will probably be of great Weight with the rest of the Kingdom. We hear a Body of Muscovite Forces has made an Incurision into Livonia, who advanced to the very Gates of Narva, burnt the Suburbs of that Place, and put many of the Inhabitants to the Sword; after which they returned home.

Thorn, February 5. The King of Poland, in compliance with the Request of most of the Palatinates of the Greater Poland, has issued Circular Letters to them, and to the other Palatinates of that Kingdom, and of Lithuania, requiring them to chuse Deputies for a General Diet, to be held on the 16th of the next Month, in order to consult upon the Means to stop the Progresses of the Swedish Forces. The Cardinal Primate on the other hand has summoned the Senate to meet at Warsaw the 15th Instant, and has by particular Letters invited several of the Senators to be there, especially those who were appointed some time ago to attend the King of Sweden in the Name of the Republick, with Offers of their Mediation for accommodating the Differences between him and the King of Poland. The Sieur Leczinky, General of the Greater Poland, died lately at Els in Silesia, whither he had retired to avoid being involved in the Troubles of his Country. Three Saxon Regiments of Horse arrived yesterday in the Neighbourhood of this Place, and the rest of the Saxon Forces which were quartered in these Parts are marching hither, in order to form a Body to make head against the Swedes, who are already so near, that one of their Parties advanced lately within 7 miles of this Place, but soon retired to rejoin their main Body.

Vienna, February 5. The Emperor has confiscated the Estate which the Count d'Arco, General of the Elector of Bavaria's Forces, possessed in the County of Trent, because he continues in that Elector's Services notwith-

standing the Imperial Avocatoria which were Published some time ago against that Elector; and his Imperial Majesty has declared, that on the contrary, he will, as Opportunities happen, prefer those who have complied with the Avocatoria. A great number of Engineers, Gunners, and other Persons belonging to the Artillery, are come hither from several of the Imperial Garisons, being sent for to be employed in the Expedition against the Elector of Bavaria. Orders are sent to Count Herbeville, who is now in Bohemia, to provide for the Security of those Frontiers, and then to march with the Saxon and other Forces in those Parts, towards the Danube, in order to enter into the Territories of that Elector. The States of the Kingdom of Hungary have desired of the Emperor, that part of the Taxes which they are to raise may be paid in Provisions, for the use of his Forces, which it is believed will be granted.

Berlin, February 10. The King of Prussia is returned from Magdebourg to Potsdam, and the Prince Royal his Son is also come back from the Court of Hanover. A Marriage is said to be treating between the Margrave of Bareith and the Dutchess Dowager of Courland. Letters from Warsaw of the first Instant say, That the Swedes have proposed to the Cardinal Primate to summon a general Diet; but that he would consent only to the calling together of the Senate, to consider of the present State of their Affairs; That the Polish Clergy are generally dissatisfied with their King, for having suffered his Saxon Troops to take Quarters in the Estates belonging to the Church; And that the King of Sweden was at Lublin, expecting the Issue of the Diet of Rusland. They write from Elbing, that the Bishop of Warmia was come thither from Thorn, and had given Directions for preparing a House for the King of Poland, who was shortly expected there.

From the Camp at Traerbach, Febr. 7. Yesterday we began to bombard and cannonade the Castle of Traerbach from 4 several Batteries, and we hope to be soon Masters of that Place, the Garison being in great want of Water and other Necessaries. The Marshal de Tallard is come to Metz, and has ordered a Draught to be made out of the neighbouring Garisons, with intent to endeavour the relief of it, but all possible care is taken to disappoint him. The Inhabitants of Saar Louis fearing, that after the Castle of Traerbach is taken, some Attempt may be made upon their Town, they are sending their best Efforts to Metz, and other Places of Safety.

Frankfort, February 11. The Count de Nassaw Weilbourg, General of the Forces of the Circle of the Lower Rhine, came hither yesterday, to assist at the Diet of this Circle, which is now assembled, and to put them in mind of recruiting and augmenting their Forces, and of making Provision for their taking the Field early in the Spring. New Levies are making in these Parts for several Princes of the Empire with very good Success. Great Quantities of Corn have lately been sent from hence to supply the Magazines at Brisac, and other Towns belonging to the Emperor on the Upper Rhine. We have Advice from Alface, that the French are drawing a Body of Forces together near Strassbourg, but upon what Design is not yet known. General Tungen has lately visited the Lines between Croonweissembourg and Lauteren, which he found in a very good Condition, as were also the Forces posted there. Letters from Sturgard of the 5th Instant say, That Count Stirum, who commands a Body of Imperial Forces in Swabia, which are to serve against the Elector of Bavaria,