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Milan, Dec. 18. N. S.

THE Duke of *Vendosme* arrived here about a week ago from his Camp near *Asti*, and after a short stay in this Place continued his Journey to *San Benedetto*. According to our Advices from thence, the Parties on both sides made frequent Excursions; and the Imperialists made Preparations for some considerable Expedition. Several Officers and Soldiers of the Duke of *Savoy's* Forces, which were lately disarmed by the French King's Order, who were Prisoners here, have made their Escape, but 5 of them have been seized in the Territories of *Genova*, and brought back hither, which that Republick looks upon as a Breach of their Neutrality; and have made their Complaint to the Duke of *Vendosme*, insisting that they may be set at Liberty again. It is said, that about 2000 of the French Forces in this State are to embark at *Final*, in order to be transported to *Spain*.

Nancy, December 28. Letters from *Paris* of the 24th Instant bring an Account, That the Marshal *de Tallard* arrived at *Verfailles* the 20th, and was very favourably received by the French King; and it was said he would make but a short stay at Court, and would return to *Strasburg*. The Forces which the French King sends to the Assistance of the Duke of *Anjou* have begun their March. Their Letters from *Italy* had brought Advice, that the Duke of *Vendosme* passed by *Cremona* the 16th, in his way to *San Benedetto*, designing to head the French and Spanish Forces, which were posted there to observe the Imperial Army under the Command of the Count *de Staremberg*, who is said to have some considerable Enterprize in hand, which the Duke will endeavour to prevent; and that the Grand Prior, his Brother, had made the necessary Dispositions for the attacking of the Town of *Alba*, on the Borders of *Piedmont*, whereof they expected the Issue, as also of a Design which the Marshal *de la Feuillade* is said to have on *Montmeilan*. The French King had received two Expresses from his Ambassador in *Switzerland*, to acquaint him (as is said) with the Disposition which most of the Deputies of the Swiss Cantons, at their General Diet at *Baden*, seemed to be in, to insist upon a Neutrality for *Savoy*, which it is said the French will by no means comply with, unless the same might be agreed upon for *Piedmont* also, and the rest of the Duke of *Savoy's* Territories. The Count *d'Arveux*, eldest Son of the Duke of *Basilin* is to be General of the French Light Horse, in the room of his Uncle, the Count *d'Arvergne*. The Count *d'Esmond* being appointed by the Duke of *Anjou* to be General of his Horse, Monsieur *du Marais*, Great Falconer to the French King, has obtained Leave to buy the Regiment which that Count commanded in the French Service. There is a Discourse, that Monsieur *d'Argencou* will be sent with the Character of the French King's Ambassador to *Venice*, and will be succeeded in the Employment of Lieutenant Gene-

ral of the Police in *Paris* by Monsieur *de Monthor*, who is at present Indendant at *Marseilles*. They write from *Madrid* of the 7th Instant, that the Marquis *de Valera* was made Viceroy of *Sardinia*; that the Conde *d'Aguilar*, who served in the Spanish Forces in *Italy*, was lent for to *Spain*, in order to have the Command given him of a Regiment of 1200 Foot, which was going to be raised in that Kingdom; and that the Duke of *Anjou* intended to raise 4 Troops of Guards, two to consist of Spaniards, and to be commanded by the Conde *de Lemos*, and the Marquis of *Astona*, one of *Italians*, under the Command of the Duke of *Popoli*, and the fourth of *Flemings*, whereof the Prince of *Saxelae* was to be Captain.

Francfort, Dec. 30. The Diet of the Circle of the Upper *Rhine* is adjourned till after the Holidays, when they are to meet again, to consider of the Measures to be taken for their Security in the present Juncture. The Count *de Caigni*, with a Body of the French Forces which are to Winter along the *Moselle*, continues before the Castle of *Kirn*, and in all probability will in a short time be Master of it. Our Letters from *Switzerland* say, the French Forces in *Piedmont* had made an Attempt upon *Alba*; and that the Duke of *La Feuillade* had formed a Design of surprising *Montmeilan*, but failed in both. Three thousand Men of the Forces of *Lunenburg* are gone into Quarters at *Meniz*, and the rest of these Troops are to Winter in other Places of that Electorate.

Falmouth, Dec. 30. This day a Privateer belonging to *Rotterdam* came in here from cruising, and brought in with him as Prize the *Three Brothers* of *Antwerp*, laden with Wine and Prandy from *Nantz*: She is an English built Ship of 10 Guss, and had been taken in the beginning of the War returning from *Guinea*, and carried into *Nantz*.

Plymouth, Jan. 2. Her Majesty's Ship the *Canterbury* sailed hence the 29th past to the Eastward. Her Majesty's Ship the *Leopard* returned hither the same day. The 31st Her Majesty's Ship the *Lime* came in here from cruising to the Westward, and brought in with her a Merchant Ship which she had retaken, called the *Treda* of *Amsterdam*, laden with Salt from *St. Hubes*. A Dutch Privateer came in, who had fallen in with 4 French Privateers, and escaped out of their hands with much difficulty. This day came in here the *Venice* Galley of and from *Rotterdam*, John *Bennet* Master, bound to *Venice*; the *White Unicorn* of *Horn*, Cornelius *Love* Master; and the *St. Peter* of *Westerwijck*, John *Hartman* Master, both homeward bound from *St. Hubes*; the *Eagle* Transport of *Loe*, Henry *Chub* Master, bound from thence to *Guernsey*, and another Vessel from the same Place, bound hither.

Portsmouth, Jan. 4. The King of *Spain* having left *Windsor* the 31st past, accompanied by his Grace the Duke of *Somerset*, who was commanded by