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Milan, December 18. N. S.

**T**HE Duke of Modena having acknowledged the King of Spain, Charles III. Orders came lately from Madrid to seize the Towns and Territories of Reggio and Carpi, which belong to that Duke, but are now in the hands of the French, as being Fiefs of the Crown of Spain, and forfeited to the Duke of Anjou, to whom the Inhabitants have been obliged to swear Allegiance, and they have been forbid to have any Correspondence with the Duke of Modena, their lawful Prince, upon pain of being treated as Rebels: The Magistrates of those Towns have also been removed, and others put into their Places. Our Advices from Piedmont say, that the Duke of Savoy continues to raise Soldiers with very good Success, and to make the necessary Provision for the Security of his Frontier. The German Forces which lately joined him, under the Command of the Marquis de Vifcontis, are gone into Quarters at Racconigi.

Liege, January 1. N. S. On the 26th past, in the evening, the Count de Noyelles marched from hence with a Detachment, consisting of Thirty Men out of each Company of Foot in Garrison here, notwithstanding the Inconvenience of the Weather, which was very bad and foggy, to Marche en Famine, where he was joined by a good number of Troops, drawn out of Metz, Brieg, Vifet, Rumonde, Ais la Chapelle, Venlo, and other Places, which together made a Body of 13500 Men, besides 1000 Men more, drawn out of Huy, who were commanded by the Baron de Trongne, Governor of that Place. They continued their March the next day, and on the 28th, betimes in the morning, arrived before the Enemy's Lines between the Villages of Wassegue and Merdo. The Baron de Trongne, with his Detachment, was sent before, and was the first that forced the Lines, and when the Count came up he found him posted in the Church-yard of Wassegue, the French Forces which were there having been obliged to retire, after a short Resistance, and many of them having been killed or taken Prisoners. The Count de Noyelles immediately gave Orders for demolishing the Lines, which was done in less than 24 hours, and for the Space of a League and half, who they consisted of a Ditch 20 Foot deep

and 24 broad, and a proportionable Parapet. In the mean time a Detachment was sent out to put the neighbouring Country under Contribution, who brought away the principal Inhabitants as Hostages for the Payment of the Sum of 300000 Guilders, which were demanded of them, and which they have engaged to make good in 3 weeks time. The 29th they marched to Hanef, and the Count de Noyelles is since returned hither with the Forces he took with him from this Place, as the rest are to their respective Garrisons. It is said, that the Elector of Cologne, who is at Namur, upon Advice of the Motions of our Troops, and that a Party of our Horse was come into the neighbourhood of that Town, ordered his Equipage to be got ready, intending to have removed to some other Place, but that a Minister whom the French King employs to observe him sent him word, That it was the King his Master's Interest that his Electoral Highness should remain at Namur, whereupon he altered his Resolution of leaving that Place. This Expedition, which was managed with the greatest Secrecy, did very much alarm the Enemy, and the Marshal de Vizeroy is thereupon come from Brussels to Leuwè with a small Detachment of Horse and Dragoons, being followed by the Sieur de Ximenes, with a Body of Forces drawn out of several of their Garrisons between the Sambre and Maese; but this not being a proper Season for repairing their Lines, and our Forces being returned to their Winter Quarters, it is believed the Enemy will do the like; however Orders are given for our Forces to be in a readiness to march if there be Occasion.

Falmouth, Jan. 3. Yesterday came in here the Sidney Frigate, Captain Upton Commander, having under her Convoy above 40 Sail of Coasters, most of them Colliers, together with the Berkeley, Ralph Hudley Master, and the George and Elizabeth, Edward Rochdill Master, both of London, and homeward bound from Virginia; as also the Samuel and Nicholas, William Lane Master, bound from Lisbon to Topsham. They came from Scilly in company of divers other Merchant Ships and Coasters, making in all about 120 Sail. Yesterday about 60 Sail, belonging to the same Fleet, passed by this Place up the Chanel, in company of two Dutch homeward-bound Ships from Guinea, which, yesterday about 3 of the Clock in the afternoon, engaged a French Man of War, or Privateer, of about 30 Guns,