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Rome, Jan. 26. N. S.

THE 14th Instant was observed here as a day of publick Thanksgiving, for our Deliverance from the Earthquake which happened that day was Twelve-month; and the Pope visited the Churches of *Santa Maria Maggiore*, and *San Giovanni di Laterano*, and performed some extraordinary Acts of Devotion. He has strictly forbid here the Diversions of the Carnival, in consideration of the present War between the Princes of *Christendom*. Cardinal *Pignatelli*, who lately came hither from *Palmyra*, where he has resided with the Character of the Pope's Nuncio, is on his departure for *Naples*, of which Place he is Archbishop. The Differences between this Court and the Duke of *Savoy* are not entirely adjusted; but we hear that Duke has given full Power to Cardinal *Barberini* to settle all Matters relating thereto, which are yet undetermined.

Turin, February 1. Mr. *Hill*, Envoy Extraordinary from Her Majesty of *Great Britain*, had Audience of the Duke and Dutcheffs of *Savoy*, on the 19th past; on which day Monsieur *Vandermeer*, Envoy from the States General, had Audience likewise of their Royal Highnesses. The *Bavarian* Minister is ordered to depart from hence; the like Orders having been given by that Elector to the Minister of *Savoy* residing at his Court. Our Forces continue in their Winter Quarters, which form a Line from *Alba* through the Territory of *Asto* and the *Upper Manserras to Moran*, within a short League of *Casal*, and thence to *Verai*, where there is a very strong Garison. The *German* Forces under the Command of General *Straemling* are mostly quartered in the Country of *Novara*. The Governor of *Nice* being marched from thence with a Detachment of his Garison, has taken a small Castle in *Provence*, near *Gattiere*; and a Lieutenant-Colonel, a Captain, 2 or 3 Subaltern Officers, and 80 private Men, who were there in Garison, remain Prisoners of War. He has also made several Excursions, and greatly alarmed that Country. The *Vandois* continue to make Excursions into *Dauphine*, with very good Success.

Venice, Feb. 2. Signior *Gradinigo* being lately made Procurator of *St. Mark*, took possession of that Dignity on the 28th past. Letters from *Ostiglia* give an Account, that the Count *de Trautsmansdorf*, who has the chief Command of the Emperor's Forces on that side, had taken from the *French* the Posts of *Bonpuorto* and *Bastiglia*, in which last Place were about 100 *French* Soldiers, and some Militia, who were all killed or taken Prisoners; and the *German* Forces took also three Pieces of Cannon, which the *French* had there. The *French* have since quitted *Finale di Modena* and *San Felice*, to reinforce their Garison at *Modena*; and the Imperialists have likewise possessed themselves of those Posts, and will endeavour to recover *Modena* also out of the hands of the Enemy.

Vienna, Febr. 9. The Elector Palatine continues here, and is frequently in Conference with the Emperor, the King of the *Romans*, and Prince *Eugene*, in or-

der to settle the Measures for carrying on the War in *Germany* more effectually the next Campaign. The Imperial and the *Bavarian* Forces on the Frontiers of *Austria* continue in their Winter Quarters; and the Elector of *Bavaria* is at *Munich*, enjoying the Diversions of the Carnival. The Country People in *Tirol* have made an Incursion into *Bavaria*, wherein they forced the *Bavarian* Lines, killed 400 Men of that Elector's Forces, and took 16 Pieces of Cannon, and got a very considerable Sum in Contributions, the Monastery of *Stooster Beyeren* alone having been forced to pay them 16000 Guilders. They keep the Town of *Kuffstein*, which is still in the hands of the *Bavarians*, closely blocked up, and the Garison there is reduced to great Streights. The Bishop of *Colozza* has sent hither the Demands of the Malecontents in *Hungary*, with a Proposal in what manner how they may be satisfied, without any Diminution of the Emperor's Dignity; so that we hope these Troubles will soon be at an end.

Hague, Febr. 22. N. S. The States of *Holland* and *Westfriseland* are assembled, and have under Consideration a Proposal made by the Elector of *Mentz*, the Elector Palatine, and Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, who desire to borrow of them 250000 Crowns, upon certain Securities, to be employed in the carrying on of the War in *Germany*. The Nomination of General Officers to command the Forces of this State the next Campaign is not yet agreed upon: The Deputies of the Provinces of *Friseland* and *Groningen*, in the Assembly of the States General, have declared, that those Provinces will insist upon the young Prince of *Eastfriseland's* being made a General of Foot. The Duke of *Marlborough* is gone hence this evening to *Rotterdam*, in order to embark for *England*.

Dublin, Febr. 8. On Sunday the 6th Instant, being Her Majesty's Birth-day, the Nobility and Gentry then in Town waited on his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, Lord Lieutenant of this Kingdom, at the Castle of *Dublin*, and from thence attended his Grace in great State to *Christ Church*, where a Sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of *Down* and *Connor*; His Grace afterwards returned in like manner to the Castle, and gave the Company a very splendid Entertainment; the great Guns round the Castle being thrice fired, and three Volleys by the Regiments of Foot, at Her Majesty's Health. Yesterday, being Monday, her Grace the Dutcheff of *Ormond* invited all the Ladies to a Play in the evening, of whom there was a very great Appearance; and from thence his Grace carried them to *St. Stephen's Green*, to see the Fire-works made on this Occasion; which being ended, the Company returned to the Castle; and after a very noble Supper, where none but the Duke and Dutcheffs and the Ladies sat, the remainder of the night was concluded with a Ball, and in the City with Bonfires, Illuminations, Firing of Beils, and other Demonstrations of publick Joy and Satisfaction suitable to the day.

Falmouth, Febr. 12. The Alliance Packet-Boat failed hence the 8th Instant for *Lisbon*. The same day came in two Dutch Privateers, who brought with them the *Elizabeth* of *Plymouth* homeward bound from *Barbadoes*, which had been 5 days in the possession of a *French* Caper.

Portsmouth, Febr. 15. Her Majesty's Fleet under the Command of Sir *George Rooke*, having on board the King of *Spain*, sailed again from *Spirithead* to *St. Hellers* the 12th Instant; and the next morning put to Sea for *Portugal*, with a fine Gale at *E.N.E.* and by one in the afternoon were all out of sight of this Place; and the Wind has continued fair ever since. Her Majesty's Ships the *Worcester*, *Nottingham* and *Tyger*, are just now arrived with the *French* Ships from *Holland*.