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Rome, December 13. N. S.

**T**HE 23d past, being the Feast of St. Clement, whose Name the Pope bears, and the Anniversary of his Election to this See, he received the usual Compliments upon that Occasion from the College of Cardinals, the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality. It is still believed, that he hath thought of making shortly a Promotion of Cardinals, though he did not do it on that day, as was expected. The Gallies of this State are returned from cruising, to *Civita Vecchia*. The Congregation of the Inquisition, that had under consideration the new Errors and Superstitions which the Jesuits in *China* have brought in to the Worship of the Roman Catholick Church in those Parts, has adjourned the further Proceedings upon that Matter, till the Return of Commissioners who are appointed to go thither, to enquire into the Truth of several Matters of Fact which that Society is charged with.

*Turin, Decemb. 10.* Our Advices from Verue give the following Account of the brave Defence made by the Garrison of that Place: On the 4th instant, both sides being busy in making Mines, our Miners met with those of the Enemy, and we had two Men wounded; however, we set fire to a Mine, which blew up the Enemy's Gallery, and killed 17 of their Workmen: At the same time another Mine took fire under the Glacis of the Covered-way; which blowing up some of our Works, gave the Enemy an opportunity to lodge themselves on the Salient-Angle of the Counterscarp. The Enemy was chiefly employed in repairing his Trenches and Gabions, which had been greatly damaged by the late Rains, as well as by the fire from our Cannon. The 5th the Enemy attacked the Covered-way, and advanced to the Foot of the Pallisade, but was repulled with great loss. He carried on his Works to the Left-Angle of the Covered-way, and drew a Parallel the breadth of that way to the Right, about six Paces from the Pallisades. He afterwards advanced his Works to the Right, and the next night joined them to the Left by a Parallel. There was very great firing of our Cannon, and of small Shot on both sides, and we had 80 Men killed, one of them a Captain. The 6th the Enemy's Batteries began to play, after they had discontinued firing 10 or 11 days, which time had been spent in repairing them. The 7th, about 9 at night, the Enemy made another Attack on the Covered-way, in three several Places; many of their Grenadiers leapt over the Pallisades into the Covered-way, but the German Grenadiers, who were in the place of Arms, and the other Troops in the Ditch, made so great a fire, that they killed all those of the Enemy who were got into the Covered-way, and the rest retir'd with so considerable a loss, that the Approaches were all covered with the Enemy's dead Bodies, yet they did not gain any

Ground: The loss on our side was inconsiderable. This is the second Attack they have made on the Covered-way; and both having succeeded so ill, we believe they will be Cautious how they venture upon a third; And if the Weather, that may be expected at this Season, favours the vigorous Efforts of the Garrison, we may hope soon to see the Siege raised; if it be otherwise, yet it will at least cost the Enemy so dear, that they will not be in a Condition to attempt any thing more before the Spring; and in the mean time we may receive our Succours from Germany. General Staremberg is now at Verue, and notwithstanding he is ill of some old Wounds which have opened a-fresh, he was present in both the Attacks upon the Covered-way, exposing his Person in the hottest of the fire. Our Duke is at *Crescencino*, intending to continue there till he sees the Success of the Siege.

*Dresden, December 24.* The States of this Electorate are assembled, and appear very well disposed to comply with the Desires of the King of *Poland*, and to supply him with Money for the Subsistence of his Forces. His Majesty intends shortly to return to *Cracow*, where he has summoned the Chief Nobility, who are in his Interest, to be present at a great Council to be held on the 8th of the next Month. The new King *Stanislaus* is at *Koslin*, in the *Greater Poland*; where the Chief of his Party are met together. The King of *Sweden's* Forces continue in that Province, his Majesty's Head-Quarters being at *Framenstad*. All our Letters from *Poland*, especially those Parts of it which have chiefly been made the Seat of War, are full of very melancholy Accounts, of the Condition to which it has reduced them.

*Falmouth, Dec. 30.* On the 28th instant sailed hence a Dutch Dogger for Waterford. The same day arrived here a small Vessel from Lisbon, laden with Oranges and Lemons, James Wooley Master, for London, which had been 16 days in her Passage to this Place. Yesterday arrived the *Herbert-Galley*, Valentine Wye Commander, of and for London, in 11 days from Lisbon, laden with Wine and Fruit. The Master reports, That at the time of his coming away, Her Majesty's Ship the *Roe-Buck*, with one Transport-Ship, came back to Lisbon, having lost Company of the rest of the Transports that were bound to Gibraltar. Yesterday several of Her Majesty's Ships supposed to be the Squadron Commanded by Rear-Admiral Bing, appeared off of this Place, and with them a small Ship which we believe to be a Prize.

*Dartmouth, December 29.* Yesterday came into this Port the *Nicholas* of London from Lisbon, Captain Robert Newman Commander; the *Tuscan-Galley* of London, Captain Pennel; the *Norton-Galley*, Captain Wall; the *Blossom-Galley*, Captain Williams; the *Rumbo-Galley*, Captain Hays; and the *Flying-Fame* of Amsterdam, Captain Symon Vandaras; all from Leghorn, from whence they came the 28th of the last Month, being all bound for London, except the Dutch-Ship, which is bound home. On the 14th instant, in the *Streights-Mouth*, Capt in Pennel met with Her Majesty's Ship the *Newcastle*, which came out the night before from Gibraltar, and was going to Sir John Leake with an Express from the Prince of Hesse. Captain Newman says, That the day he came out from Lisbon,