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Cracow, January 11. N. S.

THE King of Poland having summoned a Council of the Nobility to meet here the 8th Instant, there was upon this Occasion a very great Appearance, the Bishop of *Culm*, the Palatines of *Russland*, *Podolia* and *Culm*, the Castellans of *Pisa* and *Spicentz*, the Vice-Chancellor, the Referendary, the Sword-bearer, and several other Officers of the Crown, being present, together with a great Number of Senators and other Persons of Note: They met in the King's Presence-Chamber, and from thence proceeded to the Chapel; After Divine Service, they returned to the Presence-Chamber, where a Throne had been erected, and all the usual Ceremonies were performed in the same manner as if the King had been present. The Marshal of the Confederacy opened the Session, and addressing himself to the Vice-Chancellor, asked, If he had any News of the King? He answered, That his Majesty having undertaken a great Journey into his Hereditary Electorate of *Saxony*, as well to settle several Matters there, as to manage some Affairs of great Moment for the Interest and Advantage of this Kingdom, was detained beyond his Expectation, both by the badness of the Season and the Roads, and by the Contrivances of his Enemies to intercept him in his Return, which had made it impossible for him to meet them at the time he intended; wherefore he desired them to adjourn till his Majesty's Return, which would be very suddenly. The Bishop of *Culm* spoke next, and having expressed his Concern for his Majesty's Absence, advised them to adjourn till the end of the next Month, which they all agreed to. Some Complaints were laid before them of Disorders committed by the *Muscovite* Auxiliaries, and it was resolved, That their Generals should be made acquainted therewith: It was also ordered, That the *Muscovite* Ambassador should be called upon to have all things in a readiness against their next Meeting, in order to the ratifying of the Alliance lately concluded with the *Czar* his Master; and that the Marshal should write a very dutiful Letter to the King, to desire him to return to them with all possible Expedition; after which they concluded the Session.

Vienna, January 17. A Placet was published here yesterday, forbidding, upon pain of Death, all the Emperor's Subjects to export any Arms or Ammunition out of his Imperial Majesty's Dominions. We hear that Monsieur *Des Alleurs*, who was sent by the French King in the Quality of his Envoy to Prince *Ragotzi*, to foment the Rebellion in *Hungary*, being come to *Temiswaer* in his way thither, the Bashaw of that Place will not permit him to proceed any further. Letters from *Tirnav* of the 14th Instant give an Account, That General *Heister* having received Advice, that Count *Berzochi*, with a Body of Malecontents, had appeared near the River *Wang*, he marched from that Town the 13th with a Detachment of about 4000 Horse, in order to fight him. The Fortress of *Zatmar*, having been blocked up a considerable time by a Body of Malecontents commanded by Count *Fergasch*, has at last been forced to surrender for want of Provisions, and the Garrison was allowed to march out, and to retire to *Buda*.

Hamburgh, January 27. The King of Poland is come back from *Leipzick* to *Dresden*, and will shortly return to *Cracow*. According to our Advices from Poland, the new Elect-

ed King *Stanislaus* was gone to *Elbing*, and the King of Sweden continued at *Rawitz*. Letters from *Warsaw* say, That on the 15th Instant they received the News of a sharp Engagement in *Lithania* between a Body of Swedes and another of *Muscovites*, wherein 1000 of the former were killed, and 5000 of the *Muscovites*, who afterwards continued their March towards *Courland*, being resolved to seek an Opportunity of revenging this Loss upon the Swedish Forces on that side.

Paris, January 23. Letters from *Madrid* of the 8th Instant give an Account, That the Marshal *de Tessé* having excused himself from commanding the Siege of *Gibraltar*, representing, That the removing of the Marquis *de Villadarias*, who could not be charged either with want of Courage or Conduct in the Management of that Enterprize, might give great Offence to the Spaniards; Orders had been sent to the Marquis to carry it on with all possible Vigour, with Promise of a considerable Reinforcement: That on the 26th the Besiegers began to repair their Works, which had been ruined in the Sally the Garrison had made two days before, who that night made a new Sally, but were repulsed with the Loss on our side of about 40 Men killed and wounded. On the 30th the Besiegers began to erect two new Batteries; but the Garrison made a vigorous Sally the next day, and having driven our Men out of their Trenches, burnt the Materials that had been got together for that purpose; which Loss cannot be repaired in less than a week's time. The young Count *d'Aguilar*, who commanded at that time in the Trenches, made some Opposition, but was forced to retire with the Loss of 50 of his Men, being himself wounded: At length, the Marquis *de Villadarias* coming up with the best part of his Troops, the English, being overpowered after an obstinate Dispute which lasted about an hour and half, retired into the Town. The English and Dutch Squadron commanded by Sir *John Leake* was in the Bay of *Gibraltar*, having been driven in there on the 29th by a strong Southerly Wind. Letters from *Italy* say, That the Siege of *Venue* goes on but very slowly, and costs us abundance of Men.

Hague, January 30. N. S. The Conferences are still continued here for the settling of all Matters in relation to the Service at Sea for the next Year. Dr. *Newton*, who is appointed to go with the Character of Her Majesty of Great Britain's Envoy to the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, set out from hence this Morning on his Journey to *Florence*. They write from the Spanish Netherlands, That there is a great Mortality among the Horses in the Enemy's Troops in those Parts, as there has been among those in *Alsace*, which will in a great measure render their Cavalry unserviceable the next Campaign. Letters from *Paris* of the 24th Instant say, The French Court appeared resolved to carry on the Sieges of *Venue* and *Gibraltar*, notwithstanding the great Discouragements they have hitherto met with.

Guernsey, January 19. Two days ago a small Privateer belonging to this Island, Captain *Knap* Commander, brought in here as Prize a Dutch Vessel laden with Wine from *Bordeaux*; and yesterday another was brought in by a Privateer commanded by Captain *Gruchy*. Last night Captain *Pownell*, in another of our Privateers, with 22 Men, lying under the Coast of *Britany*, not far from *Morlaix*, got into a Fleet of about 200 Merchant-men, with 6 small Convoys; and it being dark, boarded and took 4 of them, all laden with Wine and Salt, and brought them off without being discovered by any of their Convoys.

Falmouth, January 20. On the 16th Instant the Mack *Van Dort*, a Privateer of *Flushing*, brought in here