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Gibraltar, Jan. 22. N. S.

The Enemy has not yet gained one Foot of Ground of us; it seems that they intend to Lodge themselves towards the Sea-side to prevent our Sallies; but the Ground there being very hard they will find it difficult to get Earth to fill their Gabions, which we shall be able to ruin in a little time from some Batteries we are raising for that purpose upon the Courtin and the North-Bastion. Some Detachments are lately come over to us, who report, That the Enemies Mines are hard at Work, in order, as we believe, either to discover our Mines, or to undermine the Round-Tower; but as to the first, it is hardly possible they should come at our Chambers without our discovering and preventing them; and as for their making a Mine under the Round-Tower, it appears impracticable, since to do it they must dig above 60 Paces through a solid Rock; and should they succeed, we have another Work much stronger than that upon the Line, about 50 Paces backwards, so that their lodging themselves upon the Round-Tower would avail them little. They have now two Mortars out of which they throw Stones, that do us little damage; and in return, we ply them out of four Mortars with Stones, which we are informed do them a great deal of mischief; and in a Week's time we shall have 26 Guns and 4 Mortars all mounted, which is more than they have against us.

Gibraltar, Feb. 1. N. S. The Enemy has received a Reinforcement of 2000 French Forces, and seem to threaten us with a Storm: It is said the Duke of Anjou is coming in Person to the Siege.

Lisbon, Feb. 7. N. S. The Newport and the Tartar Men of War, laden with Stores for Gibraltar, failed out of this River the 2d instant, but are detained before our Bar by contrary Winds. To-morrow the Leopard and the Roebuck are to sail thither, with 300 Dutch who were on Board the Transport Ships that returned hither, nor being able to get by Monsieur Pontis's Squadron; 100 Barrels of Powder, and Clothes for the Garison. The Tyger will follow in 3 days with the Soldiers that were left sick behind, belonging to the Guards, the Lord Barrimore's, and Lord Donnegal's Regiments; and is to Convey a Transport Ship laden with more Stores and Ammunition. Three other Men of War are getting ready with all speed, and will take along with them 500 Portuguese that are at Lagos, which will make in the whole a Reinforcement of about 1000 Men.

Turin, Jan. 14. N. S. The Enemy have for this Week made little or no progress in their Siege of Verne notwithstanding they have kept continually firing upon the Place, and have thrown in great quantities of Bombs and Stones; but these make more noise than they do hurt. They have made two large Breaches in the Bastions of St. Charles and St. Mary; however, it will be too dangerous for them to venture upon an Assault, by reason that the Garison has hitherto removed the Rubbish every night, which makes the Breaches very steep and most difficult to mount. The Enemy seems to depend more upon his Works underground, and indeed his Miners are at present those only who can properly be said to carry on the Siege. Last Week our Miners set fire to two Fougades, in hopes to have destroyed one of the Enemies Galleries, but they were not deep enough; since which they have made another, that played the 10th at night with very good Success, and ruined the Enemies Gallery on our Left, which was advanced as far as the Ditch: The Enemy had two Miners, and about 40 Workmen, smothered in this Gallery. Our Miners are in search of another Mine which the Enemy is making on our Right: If we can destroy that, it is believed the Town may hold out a Month longer. The last Week, the Count de la Roche, Governour of Verne, was wounded, as he was visiting the Works, and is very ill. His Royal Highness goes daily into the Place, and gives his Orders;

and the Honour of so brave a Defence may be justly attributed to him. On the 9th instant one of our Bombs set fire to a Magazine of Powder and Bombs in the Enemies Park for their Artillery, which killed them 6 Workmen, 3 or 4 Officers, and about 60 Soldiers: Mr. Hill, Her Majesty of Great Britain's Envoy-Extraordinary, has agreed upon a new Tariff, or Book of Rates, with this Court; whereby the Duties to be paid for all English Manufactures are regulated; and those upon coarse Yorkshire Cloth, which is proper for Cloathing Soldiers, and the poorer sort of People, is very much abated; and the Impositions upon such Merchandizes as may be landed in your Dukedoms, Dominions, in order to be carried forward into other parts of Italy, that were excessive, are also made very moderate; which may prove of very great Advantage to the English Trade.

Flisence, Jan. 20. Letters from Verne of the 12th instant say, That the Garison had sprung a Mine, and destroyed a considerable number of the Enemy; and that a great quantity of Snow is fallen, which puts the Besiegers to great Inconveniences.

Vienne, Jan. 31. On the 27th instant the Emperor reviewed the Regiment of Cuirassiers of Hanover, which was then passing by this City in their march towards Hungary. Two days after they were followed by the Regiment of Cuirassiers of Gronstels; and we shortly expect a Regiment of Dragoons newly raised in Bavaria by General Sells, and some other Regiments which are ordered to march the same way; General Heister continues near Presbourg expecting this Reinforcement. In the mean time the Commissioners appointed by the Emperor to consider of the posture of Affairs in Hungary, and of the most proper means of putting an end to those Troubles, are daily assembled, and intend in 3 or 4 days to dispatch Baron Szirmai, and the two Hungarian Deputies, to the Archbishop of Colocza, with such an Answer to the Demands which the Malecontents made in June last, as will probably bring this Matter to a good Issue. Cardinal Grimaldi was on the 26th instant Sworn one of the Emperor's Council; and it is thought he may be sent back to Rome, to manage the Emperor's Affairs at that Court, Count Lamberg, his Imperial Majesty's Ambassador there, having obtained leave to return home for some time upon his own private Affairs.

Hague, Feb. 13. N. S. Sir David Mitchell having finished the Matters about which he came hither, went from hence the 9th instant to Rotterdam; together with the Earl of Albemarle, and the Count de Galash the Emperor's Envoy to Her Majesty of Great Britain, in order to Embark for England; but the Wind being contrary, they are returned hither. The States of Holland and Westfriseland came yesterday to a Resolution, That 2500 Land Forces should be employed on board their Fleet the next Summer; to which it is believed the other Provinces will give their Consent. The Council of State has resolved upon the following Disposition of their Forces the next Campaign, viz. 25000 Men along the Maese under the Command of Monsieur d'Auverquerque and General Salisch, 14 Battalions and 22 Squadrons in Flanders Commanded by Monsieur Spaar, and the rest of their Troops along the Moselle under Count Noyelles and General Hompesch; the whole to be under the Direction, and to follow the Orders, of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, as there shall be occasion. The several Provinces having Ratified the Treaty lately concluded by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough at Berlin with the King of Prussia, the Marquis de Prie, Ambassador from the Duke of Savoy, who stayed here chiefly to see that Matter brought to a Conclusion;

