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THE Court here appears to be under a great Consternation, upon the Accounts they receive both from Valencia and Arragon, of the Disposition of the Inhabitants in those Parts to embrace the King of Spain's Interest, which they do with great Willingness upon the Appearance of any of his Majesty's Forces: And there is Reason to believe, that the whole Nation in general is disposed to follow their Example, as, soon as his Catholick Majesty shall have got together a sufficient Body of Troops to support and protect them from the Power of France, whose Tyranny and Oppression is grown intolerable to the Spaniards, and has very much encreased their natural Antipathy to that Nation. By the last Letters from Valencia we have an Account, That a Body of the Natives of the Country, who have declared for their natural Prince, being come before Gandia, the Inhabitants, and the Garison, which consisted chiefly of a Detachment of the Catalan Regiment of Horse commanded by Colonel Nabor, readily opened their Gates to them, and declared for King Charles III. the Duke of Gandia, who persists in the French Interest, narrowly escaping out of their Hands; And that the rest of that Regiment, with their Colonel, who had been left to block up Denia, had done the like; which has very much strengthened his Catholick Majesty's Interest in those Parts, and encouraged several other Places to declare for him. The Colonel above-named has three Brothers in his Majesty's Service, who are in great Credit among the Inhabitants of Arragon, and have formed a considerable Party there for the Catholick King. Upon these Advices, Orders have been sent to the French Troops which are coming from Estramadura towards Arragon to hasten their March; but their Numbers are small; and the Example of the Catalan Regiment above-mentioned, as well as of the Spaniards that were in Garison at Barcelona, and other Places, who took the first Opportunity of embracing his Catholick Majesty's Interest, and entering into his Service, renders our Court very unwilling to rely much upon any Forces they can raise in this Kingdom. The Duke of Anjou has therefore thought fit, in this melancholly Posture of his Affairs, to put off his Departure to the Frontiers till the middle of the next Month; and it will probably be further delayed, till he has received such Succours from France as may enable him to make head against his Catholick Majesty's Forces. The Bishop of Osma being lately dead, the Duke of Anjou has appointed Don Andres de Soto, one of the Sovereign Tribunal of the Inquisition, to succeed him in that Bishoprick.

Augsbourg, December 24. The Prussian Horse which lately returned from Italy is put into Quarters of Refreshment in the Neighbourhood of this Place, and about Aicha. Since the retaking of Kelheim from the Bavarian Malecontents, the Imperialists have sent from thence a Detachment of 500 Granadiers, and 200 Horse, to reinforce the Garison of Straubingen. We hear that the Malecontents are marching to attack Munich; but that Colonel de Wendr is marched thither with a considerable Reinforcement of Imperial Troops; and that the Garison are upon their Guard, and are very well provided with all things necessary for their Defence.

Ratisbon, Dec. 28. On the 24th Instant a Body of Imperial Troops embarked at Straubingen, which were to fall down the Danube as far as Vilshoven, with intent to retake that Place from the Malecontents, and to endeavour to clear the Country therabouts of their Troops. Another Detachment has been sent to Landshut, to reinforce the Imperial Garison there. We hear that several Regiments of the Duke of Wirtemberg's Forces, two of the Elector Palatine's, and as many of those of the Circle of Franconia, are marching to Bavaria, in order to join the Emperor Troops in that Country; which, with this Assistance, will, we hope, be able to put a speedy end to the Insurrection there. The Imperial Garison at Munich is said to be 4000 strong; and we have a Report, that the Malecontents attempting lately to surprize that Place, the Garison sallied out upon them, and gave them a total Defeat, the greatest part of them having been either killed or taken Prisoners.

Frankfort, Dec. 30. Prince Lewis of Baden is now at Rastadt; and all things continue very quiet on our Frontiers. The French Garison of Fort Louis being so closely blocked up by our Forces which are quartered on that side, that all manner of Supplies are cut off from them, begin to be so much streightened for want of Provisions, that they attempted lately to send out all useles Persons, to make their Stores last the longer; but upon Notice thereof a Party of our Troops advanced before the Town, and forced those who were come out to return into the Place. Several Regiments are marching from the Upper Rhine to Bavaria,

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