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WHEREAS all Merchants, Commanders of Ships, and others who have Commissions or Letters of Marque, or Commissions for private Men of War against the Enemy, are, by the 21st Article of the Instructions deliver'd to them with their Commissions, oblig'd from Time to Time to observe all such other Instructions and Orders as Her Majesty shall think fit to direct: And whereas Her Majesty, for the better carrying on of Her Service, has thought fit to add the Additional Instruction hereafter infer'd; all Persons concern'd are to take Notice hereof, and to conform themselves to the same accordingly.

THAT all Prisoners which shall be taken abroad by any Ship having Letter of Marque, or Commission for private Men of War, and which shall be afterwards oblig'd to put in any Foreign Port, shall be deliver'd to the French Consul or Agent there, whose Receipt is to be demanded and taken for them, expressing not only their Names, but their Quality; except such Prisoners only as the Commanding Officer of such private Men of War, or Ship with Letters of Marque, shall think proper to bring home to be examined, in order to the Condemnation of any Prize wherein such Prisoners shall be taken; the Receipts are to be transmitted, by the very first Opportunity which shall present, to Her Majesty's Commissioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen, and the Exchange of Prisoners of War, at their Office in Westminster, the better to enable them to demand from Time to Time, from the said Officers of the French King, the like Number of Prisoners, Her Majesty's Subjects, in lieu of them. But in case there shall be no French Officers at the Foreign Ports where the aforementioned Ships shall arrive, then the like Receipt be taken from the Commanding Officer of the Prize-Ship whereunto the Prisoners to be put on Shore at the said Ports shall belong, and transmitted to the Commissioners for the Exchange of Prisoners of War, as aforesaid.

Vienna, Jan. 7. N. S. Letters from Gran of the 14th of the last Month advise, That Anthony Esterhazy arriv'd at the Fort of Carwar at the Head of 1000 Men, with whom he had pass'd the Danube. He sent back 7000, who took up their Quarters between Gran and Neuhausel, and with the 1000 whom he reserv'd march'd towards the Rabau. A Party of Musars from Gran pursu'd him, and came up with some of his Men, of whom they kill'd several, and took others Prisoners. They write from thence, That the Hungarian Parties having of late seem'd to molest the Places adjacent to that Town, many of the Inhabitants took the Opportunity of the present Quiet, and went into the Woods to bring in their Stores of Firing for the whole Winter; but were surpris'd by a Party of the Malecontents, who kill'd many of that unarm'd People, and carry'd away a considerable Number Prisoners. Letters from Transilvania of the 8th of the last Month say, That Clausenburg, Betelen, and Bestreeze, were surround'd by the Malecontents upon the Approach of the Imperialists. They add, That the Germans had invest'd the Castle of St. Georgin with three Regiments of Horse, and 300 Foot, and bombard'd it for some Days; but upon Intelligence that the Garrison consisted of 150 Foot, and 60 Horse, with Provisions for a Siege of two Years, and all Things necessary for their Defence, it was at present thought more advantagious to the Service to leave a Force sufficient to prevent any Excursions from the Place, than persist in any further Attempt to reduce it. Letters from Italy inform us, That the Baron of

Wetzel took Possession of Orbitello, in the Name of King Charles, on the 21st of the last Month. Monseignor Spinola is arriv'd here from Italy, in his Way to Poland, where he is appointed to reside with the Character of Nuncio from the Court of Rome. It is said, That Botyani, who headed the Malecontents on this side the Danube, is dead; and that Anthony Esterhazy is to succeed him in that Command. Prince Esterhazy Palatine of Hungary, Count Palfi Ban of Croatia, with several Hungarian Noblemen, are arriv'd here, in order to assist in the Conferences about the properest Methods for bringing the Malecontents to an Accommodation. Yesterday being the Birth-day of the Empress Dowager, that Anniverfary was celebrated with great Solemnity.

Copenhagen, Jan. 10. Monsieur Schultz, Lieutenant-General of the Danish Infantry in Flanders, having, by his Majesty's Permission, quitted the Service to enter into that of Muscovy, his Majesty has made on that Occasion a Promotion of General Officers. Monsieur Schwatzel, who was Brigadier of the Foot in Flanders, is made Major-General; Brigadier Hohendorff, who commanded in Renf-bourg, is likewise made Major-General, in order to serve in Flanders, and command the Battalion of Guards. Colonel Bielk, who commanded the Prince Royal's Regiment, which lies in Garison in this Town, is made Brigadier, and is appointed Colonel of Lieutenant-General Schultz's Regiment, which is in Flanders. The Prince of Augustemburg, who serves as Major-General in the Danish Troops in the Low Countries, is to return home from that Post. The Duke of Wirtemberg is expected here this Week. Major-General Gnostwick, who comes from the Czar's Army in Poland, as is suppos'd with some Commission to this Court, is already arriv'd in Norway, and very soon expected here.

Berne, January 11. The Canton of Berne having written a Letter to the French King, to acquaint him with the indispensable Obligation they lay under of defending the Country of Neufchatel, in case it should be attack'd, and to desire him to agree to a Neutrality with it, of which they themselves would be Guarantees; sent also another Letter to Monsieur de Puisieux to the same Purpose: That Minister answer'd 'em Yesterday, That he would not only send their Letter to the King with a Courier on purpose, but also interpose his own good Offices to obtain their Request. In the mean while he has procur'd a Diet of the Thirteen Cantons to be call'd to a Session on the 15th Instant; at the same time that the French have drawn together about 12000 Men upon the Frontiers of Neufchatel, to be commanded by Marshal Villars, who is reported to be arriv'd at Besangon for that purpose. We are uncertain whether these Preparations are made on the Part of France the better to secure a Neutrality, or that the Design is to seize the Country of Neufchatel.