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Venice, Jan. 27. N. S.

THE Senate has received frequent Advices, That the Turks are making Preparations as if they intended to enter immediately upon a War. They raise Men in great Numbers, and have resolved to build new Ships of War. But the Grand Signior seems so little inclined to make a Rupture with the Princes of the West, that 'tis believed those Forces are intended to act only against the Muscovites. 'Tis advis'd also, That the Ottoman Court has formed a Design for retaking the Fortrefts of Asoph. The late violent Storms and Rains have done great Damage in this Place, and several other Parts of Italy. A Ship lately arrived from Corfou has brought Advice, That there have been several Houses both in the Town and other Parts of the Island thrown down by an Earthquake. We hear from Naples, That Mount Vesuvius had lately cast up Fire and Ashes in great Quantities; and that the Wind at the same time happening to blow towards the Town, drove the Cinders in such Abundance upon the City, that the People ran about the Street in the greatest Disorder and Confusion imaginable. They add from thence, That Count Thaur continued his Endeavours for securing a constant Supply of Corn; and had called a Council, to resolve upon the Aid which is to be given to his Catholick Majesty. We hear from Rome, That the Duke of Uceda, who resides there in Quality of Ambassador from the Duke of Anjou, has received Advice, That a Tartan laden with Provisions, in which were many Passengers of Distinction, as well as a great Sum of Money, was lost near Fiumicino, and but 17 Men saved. They write from Leghorne, That the French have put a Reinforcement into Porto Longone; and that Porto Hercule still held out: But say, That it cannot be long before the Imperial Troops will be possessed of an Eminence which commands the Place. Biombino is surrendered to the Imperialists. The Squadron of British and Dutch Ships which sailed for Catalonia, is reported to have put into Calliari in Sardinia, and landed the Regiment of Bonafana for the Defence of the Island, which has declared for King Charles, and acknowledged Count Cifuentes their Viceroy.

Brussels, Febr. 9. N.S. The States apply themselves with the utmost Diligence to find out proper Measures for supplying his Catholick Majesty with all the Money they are able for the Service of the ensuing Campaigne. Besides the Sum of 300000 Florins already borrow'd on the Revenue arising from the Posts in the Spanish Brabant, they have resolv'd to charge that Fund with the further Sum of

400000. The Two new Regiments, commanded by the Count Verviers and Colonel Deveniz, are almost compleat. They write from Mons, That the Enemy are very diligent in supplying their Magazines with new Stores, and making all necessary Preparations for an early Entrance into the Field. Those Advices add, That there was new Works to be added to the Fortifications of Lille; and that they are so apprehensive of a general Inclination in their Men to desert, that they pay those on the Frontiers in a more exact and regular Manner than is observed in Payment of the Forces which lie further in the Country. The Deputies of the Commons are to assemble very suddenly at Ghent, in order to continue their Deliberations upon such Subsidies as are to be granted to his Catholick Majesty. Letters from Paris advise, That the Royal Million-Lottery, which was drawn some time since, hath not yet been paid; that whole Fund having been employed upon Necessaries for the War. The Court hath ordered the 60 Battalions which are in Savoy, Dauphiné and Provence, to be recruited with all Expedition. Advices from Spain say, the little Town of Alcoy had been besieged by Monsieur Mahoni; and the Garrison was obliged to surrender, after having held out 9 Days, and sustained two general Assaults. The Detachment from Alicant, amounting to about 100 Men, were made Prisoners of War, and the Town tax'd at 48000 Piasters. The Besiegers are said to have lost great Numbers in their Attacks, although the Place was covered only by a single Wall. The Duke of Anjou hath resolv'd to oblige the chief Cities of the Kingdom to pay, by way of Advance, Part of the Sums which they are to furnish towards the carrying on of the War; not being in a Condition to open the Campaigne early enough without such an Expedient. The Duke of Berwick is still at Valencia, where he hath adjust'd with the Deputies of that City their Taxes for the ensuing Year. The same Advices add, That the Miquelets again appear in considerable Bodies among the Mountains of Arragon; and that they had seized great Quantities of Provisions that had been sent from Pina to Mequinenza. Orders were given to demolish the Fortifications of several strong Places on the Frontiers of Arragon and Valencia.

Edinburgh, Feb. 2. Yesterday put in here the Hubbrack, Hubbrack Rapin Master, of and for Flushing from Nants, laden with Brandy; and the Union Galley, Thomas Marshmore Commander, of and from London, to load Fish for Venice. This Day sailed the Alliance Packet-Boat, Captain Hooper Commander, with one Mail for Lisbon; the Ambuscade, Captain Thompion Commander; the Edinburgh

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