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St. James's, December 13.

THIS Day Baron Spanheim, Ambassador-Extraordinary from the King of Prussia, had a private Audience of Her Majesty, to Condole the Death of his Royal Highness the Prince; conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies, and introduced by Mr. Secretary Boyle.

Monsieur de Vrybergen, Envoy-Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, had also this Day a private Audience of Her Majesty, to Condole the Death of his Royal Highness; Conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies, and introduced by Mr. Secretary Boyle.

The humble Address of the President and Council of her Majesty's Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, congratulating her Majesty upon the Disappointment of the late intended Invasion of *Scotland*, having been transmitted to Colonel *Nathaniel Blackston*, was presented to her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Sunderland*, Principal Secretary of State.

Which Address her Majesty received very graciously.

Vienna, December 8. N. S. The Deliberations of the Diet of *Presburg* are still suspended; nor is it probable that they will be reassumed, till it be known whether the Malecontents will accept of a Cessation of Arms upon the Terms offered by this Court. Count *Tolvay*, a Protomary of *Hungary*, and formerly a Prisoner among the Malecontents, who has been sent from hence to negotiate this Matter with Prince *Ragorzi* and Count *Berezeni*, is not yet returned; neither has he hitherto sent any Account of what Progress he has been able to make in his Negotiation. The Imperial Officers who command in the Towns situated in the Mountains of Upper *Hungary*, lately recovered out of the Hands of the Malecontents, complain of the great Scarcity of Provisions in those Parts, and of all other things necessary for the Subsistence of the Troops. The Malecontents, when they retired from those Mountains, carried away with them, or destroyed, all the Tools and Instruments necessary for working in the Mines; but Care is taken to provide all proper Materials, and to set Miners at work, in order to reap the Fruits of this Conquest. The chief Nobility of those mountainous Parts, who are employed by the Malecontents in Civil or Military Trusts, retired with Prince *Ragorzi* and Count *Berezeni*, abandoning their Estates; but a great many of the Gentlemen who are Inhabitants of that Country, have submitted themselves to the Emperor. Baron *Tige*, who was marching with Recruits to the Troops in *Transilvania*, is obliged to stop on the Frontiers of *Slavonia*, Count *Caroli* having secured the Passes into *Transilvania* with a Body of nine thousand Men. As the Imperialists have recovered the Mountains of Upper *Hungary*, so the Malecontents have again made themselves Masters of the Mountains in *Transilvania*.

Berne, December 8. N. S. The Letters from *Milan* of the 1st Instant, say, the Emperor had confirmed to the City of *Bologna* its ancient Government and Privileges, granted to them by *Charles the 5th*; so that the Legat and Vice-Logat are excluded from having any part in the new States; that the Imperialists have put Garrisons in *Ravenna*, *Rimini*, *Imola* and *Faenza*, and were marching towards *Pesaro*, *Fano* and *Senigalia*. Those from *Genoa* advise, that our Fleet had reduced *Porto-Longone* in the Absence of the Governor, who was gone to attack *Orbitello*. The Governor having failed in that Design, and being cut off from *Porto-Longone* by the English Squadron, was obliged to retire to *Civita Vecchia*, with two Gallies belonging to the Squadron commanded by the Duke of *Turris*. The great Snows have hindered the Couriers of *Genoa* and *Italy* from arriving here to Day.

Berlin, December 15. N. S. The Town of *Cologne* not having yet given the King Satisfaction for the Affair offered, some time ago, to his Resident at that Place, his Majesty hath sent Orders to inquire into the Revenues of all the Cloysters and Convents belonging to the Roman Catholics in his Dominions, and hath already begun to oblige those at *Halberstadt* to pay him the fourth part of their whole Income; which Demand will be probably made upon all other religious Houses of the Roman Catholic Persuasion within his Majesty's Territories, unless he receives an immediate Reparation of the Injury done to his Minister. Monsieur *Umruth*, who brought a Letter of Congratulation from King *Stanislaus*, appears at Court as a Gentleman of that King's Bed-chamber, and not as an Envoy. This Week the Opera and the Masquerade were both performed with great Magnificence. Letters from *Wilda*, of the 2d Instant, say, that the Czar had entred *Smolensko* in Triumph. 3000 Swedish Prisoners, 84 Colours, with the Artillery and Ammunition taken from the Swedes commanded by General *Lewenhaupt*, marching before him. The *Palatine* of *Smolensko* harangued the Czar at the Gate of the City. Those Letters add, that his Czarish Majesty had afterwards marched towards the *Ukraine*, in order to oppose the Swedes; and that Prince *Repin* had forbid the Inhabitants to pay any Contributions to the Swedish Forces. They writ from *Lithuania*, that King *Stanislaus* had sent Monsieur *Jeruskalki* to the *Palatine* of *Beltz*, to treat of an Accommodation with him.

From the Camp at Meerlebeck, December 20. N. S. The Troops having taken the several Posts appointed for them, as well for blocking up, as for attacking *Ghent*, his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* came this Day from *Melle* to *Meerlebeck*. Prince *Eugene* went on Tuesday to *Brussels*, whence he is expected back to *Morrow*, and designs to continue some Days with his Grace. The Cannon and Ammunition which came up the *Schelde* from *Holland*, are unloading at *Melle*, and that from *Menin*, below *Deinse*; and Ways are now making to draw them forward to the Batteries, as soon as every thing can be ready for it. The Commissaries, for the Exchange of Prisoners are now assembled at *Lenfe*, in order to put the Articles lately agreed on in Execution; in pursuance whereof such of our Men as were Prisoners at *Tournay* are already sent back.

Hague, December 21. N. S. The States of *Holland* are to separate during the ensuing Festival. After many Debates concerning a new Fund to be established instead of that of the Two hundredth Penny, all other Expedients were disapproved, and the same Tax continued. They write from *France*, that the Duke of *Vendosme* arrived at *Paris* on the 14th Instant; and that the next Day the *Marshal* of *Boufflers* was also returned to Court. These Letters add, that the *Mareschal* was received with great Distinction, and is created Peer of *France*. The Reversion of the Government of *Flanders* was, at the same time, given to his Son. The Court of *France* has received advice, that the *Dutchess* of *Lorraine* is brought to Bed of a Son. Letters from *Frankfort* say, that the Count *Charles Frederick* of *Schonborn*, Vice-chancellor of the Empire, was elected Coadjutor of the *Bishoprick* of *Bamberg*, on the 13th Instant. They add, that they had received Advices that the Army of the Empire, as well as that of the Enemy, began to march into Winter-Quarters. The Duke of *Berwick* had left *Strasburg*, in order to return to the Court of *France*. Letters from *Italy* say, that the Pope's Generals make the best Disposition they can for the Defence of *Rome*, and the Castle of *St. Angelo*, against the Approach of the Germans; and that the Pope had referred certain Propositions made by the *Marquis* de *Prie*, to some Eminent Casuists, who are to give their Opinion, whether he can grant them with a safe Conscience.