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Venice, January 4. N. S.

Letters from Rome say, that on the 17th of the last Month the Marquis de Prié had a long Conference with the Cardinal Paolucci, at which it was expected the Accommodation between the Courts of Vienna and Rome would be wholly concluded; but the Pope has not thought fit to comply with the Demands made by the Marquis. Copies of the Propositions of the Germans have been delivered to the Cardinals, with the Pope's Answer annexed to them. While things are in this doubtful State, the Court of Rome receives daily Advices of the Ravage which is committed in the Ecclesiastical Territories by the German Troops. The Prince of Darmstadt is arrived with 4000 Men at St. Germano, and demands Provisions of the Pope's Subjects for the Subsistence of his Troops. At the same time a Body of 1500 German Horse are advanced to Ascoli, and live upon free Quarter on the Frontiers of the Abruzzo. The French Ministers, and those of the Court of Madrid, visit the Cardinals together, and protest against whatever shall be concluded at Rome to the disadvantage of the Duke of Anjou, and particularly against the Recognition of King Charles. It is said, the Pope has thoughts of retiring to Avignon, and that the Ministers of France press him to that Resolution. His Majesty of Denmark is now in this City: Upon that King's Notification of his Arrival, the Senate appointed Cavalier Erizzo, late Ambassador-Extraordinary to the Queen of Great Britain, the Cavaliers Morosini and Nani, who have served the State as Ambassadors to the Court of Rome, and the Cavalier Delfino, late Ambassador at Vienna, to attend his Majesty. These Ministers wait upon the King when ever he appears in Publick.

Genoa, January 6. N. S. Letters from Barcelona of the 27th of the last Month bring us an Account, that the Men of War and Transports, which sailed from Vado, were arrived safe, and had landed their Troops in good Condition; that the French were then Masters of the Town of Alicant, but the Citadel was in a Posture of defending it self for some time. Sir Edward Whitaker being arrived at Barcelona, set Sail, upon the pressing Instances of King Charles, on the 25th, for Leghorn; to which Place, 'tis supposed, he is at present returned. These Letters add, that Marechal Staremberg and General Stanhope were both in Person at the late Attempt to surprize Tortosa; and say, that tho' the Allies had been three Days on their March before they came up to the Place, they took the Patrole on both sides of the Town, and had fixed their Ladders against the Walls before they were discovered. They made three Attacks, each with 1000 Men; two of those Assaults failed; the third succeeded so far that they got into the lower Town, but before they could advance to the last Gate, the Garrison drew together on that side, and barricaded the Gate in such manner that there appeared no Possibility of forcing it; but the Allies continued in the lower Town all the succeeding Day, killed the Governor and Town-Major, and took about 50 Prisoners, among whom were a Lieutenant-Colonel and 8 Officers, before they retired.

Vienna, Jan. 9. N. S. The Diet of the Empire having consented, that the Emperor, as King of Bohemia, ought to have a Vote in the Electoral College, his Imperial Majesty has appointed Count Francis Wratislaw to represent him in his Quality of Elector; and the Count, having received his Commission and Instructions, is gone to Ratisbonne. The Abbot of Kempten being named President of the Aulick Council, in the room of the deceased Count Octing, he is soon expected here to take Possession of his new Office. Some Officers who are arrived here from the Imperial Quarters in the Mountains of Upper Hungary, bring an Account of the Expedition lately made in

those Parts by the Baron of Ebergenny, Lieutenant-General of his Imperial Majesty's Forces; who having reduced the Castles of Bize, Budatin, Bistriz and Littova, has recovered out of the Hands of the Malecontents the whole County of Trenschin. They add likewise, that the Hungarians have drawn together many of their Forces towards those Mountains, and that the Villages thereabouts being all filled with Hungarian Troops, the Germans are obliged to stand carefully on their Guard, for fear of a Surprize. Our last Advices from Italy tell us, That Marechal Thäun still advanced nearer to Rome, the better to support the Marquis of Prié's Negotiation at that Court: When those Letters were dispatched, the Van-guard of the German Army lay at Pefaro. The Villages in the Neighbourhood of this City have been lately alarmed by the Passage of a Party of the Malecontents over the Leyta; but the Hungarians, after having pillaged an open Place, immediately retired with their Booty. However, for the greater Security, it has been thought fit to double the Guards of the Lines without the Suburbs. They write from Upper Hungary, that Lieutenant-General Ebergenny, since his reducing the whole County of Trenschin to his Imperial Majesty's Obedience, has likewise taken the Castle of Owar, which important Place covers the County of Trenschin, and commands the Pass between Turocz and Arava. This Day the Diversions of the Carnaval began by a Course of Sledges. Prince Lamberg, Master of the Horse, went first, driving an empty Sledge; then followed the Emperor, driving the Sledge wherein the Empress sat; the eldest Arch-Duchess was drove by Prince Maximilian of Hanover, and the youngest by Count Philip of Dierichstein. The Ladies of the Court were drove by the Noblemen, according to their respective Quality. The Gentlemen and Ladies were richly cloathed, and the Sledges adorned with so much Art and Expence, that the Entertainment appeared very Magnificent. The Diversion of the Day will be concluded with a Ball at Court.

Berlin, January 12. N. S. Orders are sent to 22 Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons, and 3 Battalions of Foot, to be in a readiness for marching about the latter end of the next Month, to augment his Majesty's Troops in Brabant; and the King has declared that he will send a greater number into those Parts, if it shall appear necessary for the Service of the Common Cause. Directions are given, at the same time, for the early Recruiting all his Troops which have been in the Field this last Campaign. His Majesty is quite recovered of his late Indisposition; but has not yet appeared in Publick, by reason of the Coldness of the Weather, which has been so excessive that several, who have come early with their Caen to this City, have been found frozen to death at the opening of the Gates. His Majesty has lately taken occasion to express his Satisfaction on the Behaviour of his Troops at the Battel of Wynnendale; and to show his Approbation of the Conduct and Bravery of Major-General Webb, under whose Command they acted; his Majesty has sent the Major-General the Cross of the Order of Generosity. Letters from Michow of the 15th of the last Month say, that the Muscovites had taken a Resolution to disarm all the Cossacks in that Garrison; but that Design being discovered, the Cossacks made their Escape. The Muscovites have undermined the Bastions of that Place, in order to blow them up when they march from thence. We hear by Advices from Mohilow of the 20th of the last Month, that the King of Sweden was at Zepzak on the Frontier of Ukraina, and the Czar at Novogroduct.

Berne, January 16. N. S. This Canton has lately received a Letter from the Emperor about the Affair of Tockenburg, in which he exhorts them to Accommodate that Difference

