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Milan, January 29. N. S.

Count Thaur will set out to Morrow for Vienna, and proposes to return to this Place the beginning of March, in order to make the necessary Dispositions for an early Campaign. Our Regency have written a Letter to his Catholick Majesty, desiring a Suspension of an Order that hath lately been published for lessening the Pay of the Officers and Soldiers of the Troops of this State. On the 23d Instant Count Sormani departed from this Place, on his Journey to the Hague, from whence he is to proceed to London with the Character of Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Spain to the Queen of Great Britain. The Duke of Sorbellone hath been honoured with the Title of Grandee of Spain. The Duke of Seles, General Helbach, the Commander of the Palatine Troops, and several other Officers, are lately arrived here from Barcelona. They write from Florence, that the Great Duke of Tuscany had compleated the Payments of his Contributions for the last Year; and that the Count of Castellbarco did earnestly solicit him for the immediate Supply of what is required of him for the Service of the ensuing Year. They write from Leghorn, that Admiral Whitaker, with six English Men of War, sailed from thence on the 15th Instant towards Port Mahon. We hear from Genoa, that two Vessels, one belonging to her Britannick Majesty, and the other to the King of Spain, lately sailed for Barcelona, with great Sums of Money for the use of his Catholick Majesty. Prince Pio, Count Ruffiano, and divers other Officers of Distinction, took that opportunity for going to Catalonia. These Advices also inform us, that an Officer was arrived at Genoa from Final, with a Commission to buy up Provisions sufficient for four thousand five hundred Men, which are to be transported from this Dutchy into Spain. The last Letters we received from that Kingdom import, that his Catholick Majesty's Troops were in a very good Condition, and that Count Staremberg did propose, with the Assistance of the Reinforcements which are expected from Italy, to enter upon some considerable Action, and reduce Arragon to the Obedience of King Charles; he had dispersed a Declaration throughout that Kingdom, wherein he promises the Inhabitants, in the Name of his Catholick Majesty, that they shall be restored to the Enjoyment of all those Privileges of which they have been deprived by the Duke of Anjou, and all shall be received as faithful and loving Subjects. These Advices add, that Barcelona abounded in Plenty of all things, the Trade of that City being in the most flourishing Condition. All our Advices from Rome agree, that the Illness of the Pope appears daily more dangerous, his Friends and Physicians despair of his Recovery; and the Cardinals who are qualified for the Chair hold frequent Cabals to promote their Interests, and secure to themselves a Party superior to that of their Competitors.

Copenhagen, February 4. N. S. This Morning four hundred of those Saxons that were taken by the Swedes in Christianstadt, were conducted into this City; two hundred others continue in Schonen, and it is not doubted but they will enter into the Service of his Danish Majesty. Several Officers have already made Application to the King for Leave to recruit their Regiments with those Saxons: One pair of Kettle-Drums, four Ensigns, and two Standards, which were also taken from the

Swedes at Christianstadt, are brought hither. It hath been confidently reported for several Days, that our Forces had taken Karelshaven by Assault, and therein two hundred Troopers, and were advancing towards Karelscroon; in order to block up that Place; but the Court hath received no Account of these Transactions. The Queen Mother hath lately been very much indisposed, and the ill State of her Health encreases. His Majesty went this Morning to a Palace about five Danish Miles distant from this Place, and is expected to return on the 17th Instant. Prince Charles is also gone into the Country, and designs to continue there during his Majesty's Absence.

Hague, February 11. N. S. The States of Holland are to renew their Session to Morrow, and most of the Members of that Assembly are already arrived at this Place. The Ministers of the High Allies have held frequent Conferences on the Propositions that have been transmitted from the Regency of Sweden, relating to the Neutrality which is to be observed, in respect to all the Territories in the Empire, belonging to that Kingdom, and they have concluded certain Articles for the Preservation of the Tranquility of Germany, and sent them to the respective Potentates of the Alliance for their Approbation. It is hoped that the King of Denmark will act conformably to those Measures, and consent that part of his Forces which are in Jutland shall be received into the Service of the Allies; and that the Swedes will give leave that those Troops which are in Pomerania be employed in the same manner. The States have written a Letter to the King of Prussia, and also given an Answer to the Memorial of his Minister, concerning his Majesty's Demands, which it is hoped will be Satisfactory. There having lately been some Differences between the Cities of Liege and Limburg, occasioned by the refusal of the latter to pay the usual Duties on all Merchandize that is transported through the Territories of Liege, which by a particular Privilege are invested in the Regency of that City, about four hundred of the Inhabitants of each Place met on the Frontiers, where both Parties engaged, and seven or eight Men were killed on the Spot; the Citizens of Liege prevailed in the Skirmish, and have since sent hither a Deputation, to complain of the Losses they sustain in their Commerce, by the unjust Pretensions of the City of Limburg. Advices from the Frontiers say, that the Garrisons of Charleroy and Maubuge, taking Advantage of the Fog; had formed a Design to surprize the Imperial Troops that are quartered at Nivelles; but the Confederates had frustrated this Enterprize, and detached a Party to pursue the Enemy. These Advices also inform us, that the Spanish and Walloon Troops have begun their March towards Spain. They write from Brussels, that Lieutenant-General Dompre, who for several Years had distinguished himself by his Fidelity and Conduct in the Service of the States General, died in that City on the 9th Instant: His Loss is very much regretted. Count Zinzendorf, the Imperial Plenipotentiary, hath received Letters from Vienna, which import, that the Imperialists had attacked and entirely defeated a Body of six thousand Men in Upper Hungary, that were marching out of Poland to join the Malecontents, and had killed and taken Prisoners four thousand Men, and possessed themselves of all the Enemies Baggage. Letters from Italy say, that the Indisposition of the Pope daily encreases, and had reduced him to such a weak and low Condition, that it is expected

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