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P R E S E N T,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**I**T having been Represented to Her Majesty in Council, That notwithstanding the great Care that has been taken, as well by several Orders and Directions of this Board, as by Her Majesty's late Proclamation, for preventing the Contagion that may be brought into this Kingdom by Ships coming from several Places on the Baltick Sea, that have been, and still are, Infected with the Plague, divers Evil-disposed Persons do presume to come on Shore from, or go on Board the Ships lying under Quarantain, to the manifest Danger of Infecting Her Majesty's Subjects: It is thereupon thought fit, and accordingly Order'd by Her Majesty in Council, That the Justices of the Peace of the several Counties adjoining to the appointed Places where the Quarantains are to be performed, do forthwith cause Watches to be kept in the most proper and convenient Places, within the several adjacent Parishes, with strict Orders to them not to permit or suffer any Persons whatsoever to come on Shore from, or go on Board any Ships under Quarantain, except such only as have the Charge of seeing the Quarantain duly performed.

*Christo. Musgrave.*

*Milan, December 6. N. S.* General Thau set out from hence on the 4th Instant for Vienna, and has left the Imperial Troops quarter'd in this State, the Plaisantin and Mantua, under the Command of the Marquis Anibal Visconti. They write from Rome, that his Imperial Majesty had conferr'd the Title of Prince of the Empire on the Constable Colonna, on Condition that he should give the Right Hand to the Marquis de Prié in his own House. Prince d'Avellino, Ambassador-Extraordinary from King Charles, continuing to make pressing Instances to his Holiness for a Nuncio to be sent to his Catholick Majesty in Spain, it is thought that Dignity will be conferr'd on Signior Borromeo, Brother to the Viceroy of Naples. The Pope's Physicians having told him it was their Opinion that the Palace of the Vatican stood in a more healthy Air than that of the Quirinal, his Holiness has been at a great Expence in Repairing and Beautifying it, and removed thither with all his Court on the 28th of the last Month, and proposeth to reside there this Winter. Letters from Turin advise, that all Things continue quiet on the Frontiers, and that his Royal Highness had disbanded several Men belonging to the Train of Artillery, whose Numbers were grown superfluous; and that he had likewise made a Reform in his Infantry of five Men out of each Company, which Men however were to be incorporated a-new, and serve as Recruits. We are advised from Naples, that the new Viceroy continues his Naval Preparations with extraordinary Diligence; and that the Gallies belonging to that Kingdom would very soon be in a Condition to put to Sea. Four thousand Imperial Soldiers, that have been lately quarter'd in such Places as belong to the Emperor on the Adriatick, having receiv'd

Orders to March to Naples, Representations have been made to the Prince of Darmstadt, of the probability there is that the Infection is got among those Troops, who have thereupon been order'd by that General to perform their Quarantain at Pescara.

*Hague, December 27. N. S.* The Prince of Savoy left Amsterdamm on Sunday the 14th Instant, and proceeded on his Journey to Vienna. Monsieur de Bothmar return'd hither the same Day from Helvoetsluyce, having been oblig'd by strong contrary Winds to put back thither, after he had been out at Sea as far as the Goeree in his Way to England: He intends now to stay till the Duke of Marlborough goes, who waits only for the first favourable Opportunity of a good Wind to embark for that Kingdom. Admiral Peterfon, who Commands the Squadron design'd for the Mediterranean, with all the Officers belonging to those Ships, has been on Board these several Days, and is only detain'd by contrary Winds, which have been of late very violent upon these Coasts. The Money which is requisite for raising Recruits will very soon be distributed among the Officers, who have receiv'd repeated Orders to have their Companies compleat by the 25th of March next, on pain of being cashier'd. The States of Holland separated for some time on Saturday last, having first dispos'd of several Military Offices that were vacant, and agreed to a Resolution of sending some Battalions into Spain, to reinforce the Army of King Charles, which will, no doubt, be approv'd of by the States-General. Our Letters from France make mention of his Catholick Majesty's Retreat with his Army into Arragon and Catalonia. They say, his Majesty having commanded Toledo to be abandoned on the 28th of the last Month, march'd himself first with a Body of one thousand Horse towards Saragossa, giving Orders for the rest of his Forces, which they pretend are reduced to ten thousand Men, to follow soon after; and that they accordingly pass'd the Xarama, a River that falls into the Tagus near Aranjuez, breaking down all the Bridges, and burning such Boats as they could find, that they might the better retard the Enemy, should they think fit to pursue them. These Letters add, that the Duke of Anjou having receiv'd Advice of his Catholick Majesty's Retreat, had detach'd four thousand Horse of his best Troops to attack the Rear, with Orders to join, if possible, eight thousand Foot from the Duke of Noailles's Army in Roussillon, from whence the Troops were marching towards Catalonia, a strong Party of those Forces having already penetrated within six Leagues of Barcelona, and the Duke of Noailles having sent to demand thirty thousand Rations of Bread from the City of Saragossa. They tell us further, that the Duke of Anjou made his publick Entry into Madrid the 3d Instant: And tho' some Letters pretend that the Duchess his Consort was likewise preparing to return thither with the Prince her Son, yet others of a fresher Date advise, that she was removed to Bayonne, whither the Marssal de Montrevil was gone to meet her, and Conduct her to a Place call'd Bareges, for the Benefit of the Waters there, which it is hoped will cure her of a Swelling under her Throat, to which she has been subject for some Years. This is the Substance of what the French think fit to publish of their