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St. James's, January 2.

THIS Evening the Sieur D' Elorme, Resident from the King of Poland, had a private Audience of Her Majesty, at which he deliver'd Her Majesty a Letter from the King his Master: He was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Queensberry, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies.

Vienna, December 24. N. S. We hear that Marshal Palfy, upon taking Possession of the Castle of Erla, found in that Place twenty thousand Sacks of Corn, ten thousand Sacks of Meal, and a great quantity of Warlike Stores, which are intended to be made use of to supply the Imperial Troops, and enable them to make a further Progress against the Malecontents. This Court expects daily to hear of the Reduction of the Castle of Muran, and have ordered their Generals in Hungary to continue in the Field, as long as they can, that a speedy end may be put to the Troubles in that Kingdom, which they flatter themselves will be effected by next Spring, according to the Efforts they design to make for that purpose. The Army has had Orders to March before Caschau or Eperies, which are Places of such Consequence, that by the taking of them the Malecontents will be reduced into a very narrow Compass; but we don't hear that the Generals have been able as yet to put those Orders in Execution. At the same time that such endeavours are used to reduce the Hungarians by Force, the Ministers talk of the Emperor's Intentions to publish very speedily a free Pardon to all in Arms in that Kingdom, except some few of the Chiefs, and they tell us that several Officers among the Malecontents are daily making their Peace with this Court; and that as they submit they have both their Pardon and Estates granted them, and are employed in the Service of his Imperial Majesty. A Proclamation has likewise been published, to settle the Disputes between the Clergy of the several Professions in Hungary, concerning the Profits of the Churches, and other Ecclesiastical Benefices enjoyed during the Troubles. This Court pretends to make the Protestants easy in those Matters, and promises to allow them the free use of their Religion according to former Stipulations. A Courier arrived here the 16th from Constantinople, and brought Advices from thence of the 27th of November last, that the Port had resolved to conduct the King of Sweden to his own Territories through Poland, and to break with the Muscovites, and that the Sultan had given Orders to make Preparations accordingly. We expect with impatience another Courier from Turkey, which may give us more light into the Intentions of the Ottoman Court, and whether they design to make it a general Rupture. In the mean time, the Ministers concerned have had several Conferences on that Account, and particular Care will be taken for the Preservation of the Neutrality in the Em-

pire. A Conference having been lately held before the Emperor, wherein the Report from the Aulick Chamber, concerning the Election of the Princefs of Holstein to be Abbess of Quedlinburg was considered, his Imperial Majesty was pleased to approve of the Opinion of the Aulick Council; and to grant his Confirmation of that Election; so that it is hoped the Princefs will soon be put in Possession of her Abby. We hear that Montieur de Mellaredé, the Duke of Savoy's Minister, is set out from Turin, and we expect him at this Court very suddenly, in order to put an end to the Disputes between the Emperor and his Matter.

Brussels, January 8. N. S. We have the Letters from Paris of the 5th Instant, but no further Particulars of what has passed in Spain. We are told that the ill Weather hindered the arrival of the Post from that Kingdom; but as we have been so often used to have our Letters from thence stopped, we hope some ill News on the Enemy's side occasions this want of Intelligence. The freshest Letters we have of the Motions of the Duke of Anjou's Army are of the 18th past from Medina Celi; which told us they were arrived there in their way towards Saragossa. Those Advices make no mention where Marshal Staremberg was, they only say in general, that he was advancing with extraordinary Diligence towards Catalonia, having a considerable Body of Troops with him. And we have the less reason to doubt of his being got safe thither, since all Accounts continue to agree, that the Duke of Anjou's Forces suffered so extremely in the Action, that the Marshal remained all the Night after Master of the Ground where he fought, and retired without any appearance of Disturbance from the Enemy. The French Officers who have Orders to raise Recruits cannot get any Money for that Service; so that the Men who are taken up by Force Desert as fast as they can find an opportunity of doing it. The Court makes a great deal of outward show in their Rejoycings on account of their late Success in Spain; but we are assured, that the Ministers are under extreme Difficulties, having neither Money nor Credit to satisfy the great and pressing Demands which are daily made. Several Officers have taken the liberty to go and complain to the King himself, who sends them back to his Ministers; and as they have not wherewithal to satisfy their Demands, there is a general Murmuring and Discontent among them.

Hague, January 9. N. S. Some Battalions and Squadrons have been ordered to March from their Quarters on the Meuse, to reinforce the Garrisons of the Towns which were conquer'd last Campaign, the Enemy by their Motions having given some Umbrage on that side. We hear, that the Privateers of Biscay have taken several Dutch Ships coming from Bourdeaux, notwithstanding they had French Passes. The News we receive from France concerning the Spanish Affairs, make them much better on our side than they were at first published at Paris. The Reports which were industriously given out, that Marshal Staremberg had been overtaken by the Detachments from the Duke