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Milan, December 26. N. S.

THEY write from Bologna, that the Duke of Mirandola died there the 21st Instant, after a long Sickness, which, we are told, was occasion'd through the excess of Grief for the Loss of his Estates, and the Misfortunes of his Family. The Prussian Troops that are quartered in the Dutchy of Modena have been review'd, and the Imperialists have put a Reinforcement of four hundred Men into Comachio, and supplied the Place with sufficient Stores of Ammunition and Provisions. The Imperial General Count Steinau is gone from Verona to Vienna, but is shortly to return back into Italy. Our Letters from Naples advise, that the Chevalier Pallavicini having been disgrudged upon the account of some Arrears which he demanded of the Chamber of the Finances, put out on a sudden to Sea, without waiting on the Viceroy, who had sent to recall him. The Design of his abrupt Departure is not known, but it is apprehended that his Intentions are to sail to Messina, and induce the Enemy to make a Descent from thence on Calabria; and this is the rather believ'd, because it appears since he went off that he put all the Neapolitan Seamen ashore, on pretence they were not in a Condition to serve, and took a good Number of Liparots on Board, who had been kept as Prisoners in that Road. For these Reasons the Viceroy hath sent an Express to all the Sea-port Towns on that Coast, with Orders to the Forces there to be upon their Guard, and in a Condition to make a vigorous Defence on occasion. These Letters add, that some Privateers belonging to Sicily had taken a Neapolitan Felucca richly laden, the City of Cosenza only having to the value of twenty thousand Ducats on Board. On the 16th the Blood of St. Januarius was exposed as usually; and this Ceremony being attended with the desired Miracle, the People draw from thence happy Prefages of their future Prosperity.

Vienna, December 27. N. S. Count Thaur arrived here the 17th Instant in the Evening, and the next Day waited on his Imperial Majesty, to whom he gave an Account of the Transactions of the last Campaign in Piedmont, and the Condition in which he had left the Troops in their several Winter Quarters in Italy. The Prince of Savoy arrived here Yesterday from Flanders, and went immediately to wait on the Emperor. This Morning a Conference was held at that Prince's Apartment, wherein the present State of Affairs in Hungary was taken into Consideration. It is believ'd Orders will be sent to General Palz to continue at the Head of the Imperial Army in that Kingdom during the whole Winter, tho' we hear that Ge-

neral has pressed earnestly for leave to come hither only for a few Weeks. Marshal Heister, who is again somewhat indisposed, has received Orders to repair to Court, to assist in the Councils for concerning Measures how to bring the War in Hungary to a speedy Conclusion; and it is expected a grand Council of War will speedily be held, wherein we hope such Resolutions will be taken, as are proper for the pushing on the War with Vigour in all its Parts the next Campaign. Our last Letters from Spain are only of the 12th Instant from Barcelona. They were brought by Major-General Wade, and left at Milan to be forwarded hither; but we speedily expect an Officer in the Emperor's Service with a particular Account of the Condition of his Catholick Majesty's Affairs in that Kingdom. Upon the first advice of the Rupture between the Port and his Czarish Majesty, Orders were sent to the Imperial Officers in Hungary, to provide for the Security of the Places on the Frontiers, and to prevent any Attempts that shall be made on this side.

Hamburg, January 6. N. S. Count Schonborn, the Emperor's Commissioner at this Place, sent his Secretary lately to acquaint the other Commissioners, that he had received Orders from his Imperial Majesty to insist upon having the Title of Excellency, which the others have hitherto refus'd him, unless it might be given reciprocally to them all. Accordingly that Minister has for some time absented himself from the Commission; but we expect some Temperament will be found out to the Satisfaction of all the Parties concern'd; and that as all Formalities of Ceremony have been waived hitherto, so we hope they will not now hinder the Progress of the Business that is before them. Count Raventlaw is arrived here from Vienna, in order to give the Bishop and Administrator of Holstein an Account of his Negotiations in that Court, and particularly of the Success of that part of them, which related to the Election of the Princess of Holstein to the Abby of Quædlinburg, and his Imperial Majesty's Confirmation of it. The Agreement between the Houses of Denmark and Holstein, relating to some Points in Dispute upon the Treaty of Travendahl, was sign'd yesterday in form by two Privy-Councillors, and one Councillor of State on each side, so that at last that long and intricate Negotiation is brought to a happy Conclusion; and Mr. Wich, the British Envoy, intends to give an Entertainment to the Ministers on both sides upon this Occasion. The Burghers of this Town are to meet in a Day or two, in order to consider of an Augmentation of their own Troops that are for the future to be in Garrison here, to the end sufficient provision may be made for the Security of the publick Peace, and the other half of the Foreign Troops which are still remaining here,