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*Milan, January 17. N. S.*

**T**HEY write from Genoa, that Sir John Norris was arrived there from Port Mahon; and that an Express had been sent to inform him, that the Troops designed for Spain were marching towards Final. Ninety Men lately Condemn'd here to the Gallies have been sent from hence to Genoa, in order to be transported to Barcelona, and were busie in Lifting Men, and raising Recruits for the Service. Our Letters of the 6th from Naples advise, that *Te Deum* had been Sung, and the Cannon fired there, on account of the late Victory obtain'd over the Enemy in Spain. The Viceroy has disposed of all the vacant Governments in that Kingdom, and has had particular Regard on this Occasion to such as have been distinguish'd for their Zeal and Affection to the House of Austria. His Excellency goes often in Person to the Arsenal, to encourage, by his Presence, those that are at Work there. They write from Rome of the 10th, that the Marquis de Prié had the Wednesday before a long Audience of the Pope, in which he notified to his Holiness the Declaration of the War between the Turks and Muscovites; and that the Duke of Anjou's Adherents having propos'd to Sing *Te Deum*, and make other publick Rejoicings on account of the late Action in Spain, and the Partisans of the House of Austria having on the other hand declared that the Advantage was on their side, the Pope, in order to prevent the Consequences of such a Contest, has forbid the former to give any publick Demonstrations of Joy on that pretence. These Letters add, that two Memorials had been presented to the Pope, with an authentick Certificate sign'd by the Christian Inhabitants in the Isle of Scio, setting forth by way of Complaint, that the Jesuits, Missionaries in the Archipelago, had permitted their Profelytes to join in the exterior Worship of the Turks, provided they inwardly believed the Articles of the Christian Faith, and adher'd to the Doctrines of the Church. Our Letters from Turin advise, that the Marquis de Suza, natural Son to the Duke of Savoy, was lately Install'd Knight of the Order of St. Maurice. The Carnival begun the 10th Instant at Venice, but the appearance of Foreigners is not so great as usual, by reason they are oblig'd to perform a Quarentine.

*Brussels, January 29. N. S.* The Advices we have lately receiv'd from France have been full of a great deal of affected Confusion and Uncertainty; in relation to the March of Count Staremberg; but now they assure us from Paris, by Letters of the 26th, that that General was arriv'd at Balaguer with his Army, consisting of about ten thousand Men; notwithstanding the great Numbers he

has been said from time to time to have lost in his Retreat, by Parties, by Surprise, and by Desertion. Those Advices add, that the Marshal, after having put a strong Garrison into Balaguer, and given Orders for repairing the Fortifications, and providing as much as possible for the Security of that important Place, was advanced with the rest of his Troops farther into Catalonia. Our last Letters from France make no mention of the Siege of Gironne; they have spoke with very great Doubtfulness of the Progress of that Siege ever since it began; and own, that the Baron de Isselbach, a Major-General in the Palatin Service, who is Governor of the Town, makes a very gallant Resistance. We are likewise told, that the Miquelets, by their Excursions, interrupt very much the Communication between the Army of the Duke of Noailles and Perpignan, and annoy the Enemy extremely; so that we have Reports, that having met with many and great Difficulties, they have at last been forced to turn the Siege into a Blockade; to which, besides the vigorous Defence of the Garrison, the want of Ammunition, and the Approach of Count Staremberg, are said to have contributed. The Duke of Anjou was still with his Court at Saragossa the 8th Instant, from whence they write, that the Duke of Vendome had sent part of his Forces back towards Estremadura, and had ordered a Detachment to March towards Lerida. We have an Account publish'd here from Bilboa of the Battel fought the 10th of the last Month between Brihuega and Villaviciosa, which says, that Marshal Staremberg's Army made such a Slaughtar of the Spaniards, that there were near seven thousand left dead on the Spot; and we have a large List of a great many Officers of Distinction in the Duke of Anjou's Service, which were killed, wounded or taken Prisoners in that bloody Action.

*Hague, January 30. N. S.* The Earl of Peterborough arriv'd here the 28th in the Evening; yesterday he was in Conference with the Pensionary, since which he hath been visited by all the Foreign Ministers, and Persons of Distinction in this Place, and proposeth to set out for Vienna to Morrow in the Evening, or the next Morning. Letters of the 27th from Valenciennes advise, that Marschal Villars was not yet arriv'd on the Frontiers, having been detain'd by a slight Indisposition, but that he was speedily expected in those Parts. The French Garrisons, that have for some time received their Pay more regularly than heretofore, begin again to suffer very much for want of Money, they having been able to raise very little hitherto on the Credit of the Royal Tenth; insomuch that some of the Troops in Valenciennes began to Mutiny, and attempted to Plunder the Treasurer's House during the Disorder; but this being prevented in time, and a sufficient Force