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Vienna, December 17. N. S.

HIS Imperial Majesty hath writ a Letter to the Czar, complaining that Prince Menzikoff had, without Cause, exacted great Sums of Money of the Cities of Hamburgh and Lubec, that he had forced the People of the Country of Mecklenbourg, by Military Execution, to bring in Provisions to his Camp before Stetin, which the Town of Malchin refusing, had been Storm'd and Plunder'd by his Direction. His Majesty adds, that as Head of the Empire, he thought himself obliged to make this Remonstrance, and to employ his good Offices to procure Satisfaction for those that had been Injur'd; and he was persuaded, from the Knowledge he had of the Czar's Goodness and Justice, that he would order Restitution to be made accordingly, and prevent the like Violences for the time to come. On the 12th Cardinal Schrottenback, Bishop of Olmutz, took the usual Oath for the Employment of Counsellor of State. The 13th being the Birth-day of the Arch-Dutchess Elizabeth, was celebrated with great Magnificence, and the Court upon that occasion laid aside their Mourning for the Death of the Great Prince of Tuscany. We are inform'd, that the Electoral Prince of Saxony is arrived at Inspruck, in his way from Italy to this Place, and from hence he intends to set out for Dresden, in order to meet King Augustus his Father, who is expected there in a short time. The Council of War hath received advice from Hungary, that the Turks were adding several new Works to the Fortifications at Temiswaer, which hath given some Uneasiness to our Court. Letters from Valachia bring an account, that the Port persisted in the Demand of an Annual Pension for the Han of Tartary, and that the Muscovite Ambassadors had writ to the Czar to persuade him to consent to it. They write from Adrianople, that the Grand Signior had fix'd on the 18th of November for his removal to Constantinople, that he had order'd the Polish Ministers to follow him thither, that

he had been several times in Conference with the King of Sweden, and had promis'd to send him with a powerful Army into his own Dominions.

Madrid, December 18. N. S. The King hath order'd the Council of Castile, for the greater Dispatch of Business, to meet nine Hours every Day for the future. The Duke de Medina Sidonia, Counsellor of State, Master of the Horse, and Knight of the Order of the Holy Ghost, died lately in the Seventy third Year of his Age. They write from Valentia, that eight Squadrons, and as many Battalions, had been order'd to march towards Tortosa, where they are to wait for Directions from the Duke de Popoli. Letters from Catalonia bring an Account, that the Inhabitants of Barcelona were reduced to great Extremity for want of Provisions, which had occasion'd a Tumult among them. The same Advices add, that the Preparations for the Siege of that Place were continued with great Diligence, and that it would be form'd immediately after the arrival of the Troops from Estramadura, and of the Fleet from Cadiz.

Dresden, December 19. N. S. We have received Advice from Warsaw, that King Augustus intended to set out from thence on the 16th, in order to return to this Electorate; that he would be follow'd by several of the Polish Ministers, and by the Plenipotentiaries appointed to assist on the Part of the Republick, at the Congress at Brunswick. The Electoral Prince is likewise expected here very soon from Vienna, where he intends to stop for a short time in his way from Italy. We have received an Account from Petersbourg of an Action that happen'd lately between the Swedes and the Muscovites in Finland. The Swedes having throwa their Cannon into the River, abandon'd Tavasthuys, and retired to a Post on the side the Pelkin, where they entrench'd themselves, and erected Batteries. The Muscovites follow'd them, but finding it difficult to pass the River, encamped over against them, and prepared Pontoons, upon which Prince Galizen embark'd with Six thousand Men, and attack'd the Enemy, who for some time made a vigorous Resistance, but being obliged at last

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