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Venice, January 26. N. S.

WE have had violent Storms here for some time, by which several Vessels belonging to this Republick, have been cast away in the Gulf. The British Ships, the William and Thomas, the Warren, the Gardiner and the Westbury, are arrived here. They write from Rome, that Monsignor Patti was returned from Palermo with ample Instructions for adjusting the Differences between his Sicilian Majesty and the Pope. On the 17th a Congregation was held, in which the Cardinals were acquainted with what had been done in relation to the Affairs of Sicily, and their Opinions were desired in what manner the Court of Rome should proceed. The same Day the Cardinal de la Tremouille, and the Marquis de Frie, had likewise two long Audiences of the Pope upon the Affairs of that Kingdom. Frequent Expresses arrived from Ferrara, upon occasion of the Boats laden with Salt that had been sunk there. Letters from Naples bring an account, that the Spanish Troops lately come from the Coasts of Tuscany, were upon their March to Manfredonia, where they are to embark for Fiume. The Vice Roy having received advice from Sardinia, that a Tumult had happen'd there among the Peasants in the Mountains, sent a Tartan with Dispatches for the Vice Roy of that Kingdom.

Hanover, January 30. N. S. Yesterday we received an account, that the Duke of Wolfenbuttel's Distemper was grown more dangerous, upon which the Princes and Princesses of that House, who came to spend the Carnival here, let out this Morning for Brunswick. Monsieur de la Metche, the Emperor's Second Plenipotentiary at the Congress which is to be held at that Place, is arrived there, but none of the other Ministers are yet come. We are inform'd, that the States of Sweden now assembled have declared, that they will send no Plenipotentiaries to the Congress. They have likewise refused to give their Consent to the execution of the Treaty for the Sequestration of Pomerania, for fear of displeasing the King, and it is thought they will engage in no Business, but what relates to the Defence of the Kingdom 'till his Majesty's return. In order to which, they have resolved to raise some new Forces, amounting in all to Twelve thousand Men, and to fit out a Fleet early in the Spring.

Hamburg, February 2. N. S. The King of Prussia has given Orders to all his Officers to be in a readiness to march within two Months. His Majesty has fix'd on the First of May for his own Journey to Konigsberg, in order to be Crown'd there. A few Days ago the Danes being in pursuit of some of their Deserters, drew near the Fortress of Tonningen, and the Governor imagining they had a Design to Surprize the Place, order'd his Men to

Fire upon them, which, it is said, they interpret to have been an Act of Hostility. General Ducker is gone to meet the Duke of Mecklenbourg at Rostock, in order, as is supposed, to conclude a Treaty for the Sequestration of Wismar. Lieutenant-General Lieve is sent by the Princess Regent of Sweden to give the King a true Account of the Affairs of his Kingdom, and to assure him, that the Assembly of the States was not convened with any Intention to encroach in the least upon the Royal Authority, but that the present Conjunction had made it absolutely necessary. He is also instructed to desire his Majesty will declare his Mind in relation to a Treaty of Peace with the Allies of the North; that he will name some Minister to assist at the Congress of Brunswick; and that he will be pleased to return as soon as possible into his own Dominions. General Taube is appointed by the Nobility of Sweden to go on their Part to the King, and he is to be accompanied by the Deputies of the Clergy, the Burghers, and the Peasants. The States of that Kingdom have already raised Twenty seven Regiments of Foot and Ten of Horse. In case of Necessity they have obliged every Family to provide a Man, and it is said they were unanimously resolv'd to Sacrifice every thing to the Defence of their Country.

Berlin, February 3. N. S. His Majesty is expected here this Evening from Potsdam, and it is said the new Battalion of Grenadiers is likewise to come from thence, and to remain in Garrison at this Place. The Hereditary Prince of Hesse-Cassel has resign'd his Prussian Regiment of Foot, with the King's Approbation, to his Brother Prince George, who is arrived here in order to take Possession of that Command. Baron Goertz is gone to the Court of Hanover, and yesterday Baron Manteuffel, Envoy of King Augustus, set out for Dresden.

Hague, February 9. N. S. Yesterday the Duke d'Offuna, and the Marquis de Monteleone, Plenipotentiaries of Spain, received an Express from their Court. Baron Huguetan d'Odyk, who went lately from hence to Muscovy, has been Sworn Privy Counsellor to the Czar, and is likewise appointed to go his Envoy Extraordinary to the Circle of Lower Saxony. We have receiv'd advice from Radstad, that the Couriers dispatch'd by Prince Eugene, and Mareschal Villars, to their respective Courts, were returned with an account, that the Preliminary Articles of Peace were not approv'd of, upon which the Conferences between those two Generals broke off, and the Prince set out for Vienna. There has been a Rumour for some Days in these Countries, of extraordinary Warlike Preparations on the Confines of Lorrain, and that considerable Bodies of Troops were in Motion towards the Provinces of Bouloign and French Flanders, but upon the strictest Enquiry it is found that these Reports had