

not be much felt by the Country: But the Poles can hardly think this practicable in their present Circumstances, and indeed this Country is at this time in such a miserable Condition, and even Bread is so scarce in many Places, that most People are afraid of a Famine, which is the only publick sort of Calamity that Poland has not felt within these few Years. The Palatine of Mazovia who hath been Ambassador from the Republick at the Porte, is now upon his way homeward, and is expected here towards the End of next Week: After his Arrival 'tis thought the King will call a great Council of the Senators, as is usual, in order to receive an Account of the Ambassador's Negotiations at the Porte, as also to advise what Measures may be proper to be taken in the present Juncture of Affairs. Major General Kappel, Governor of Caminiec, is lately come hither, to represent that the Garrison there is so small and ill provided with Ammunition and other Necessaries, that it is to be feared the Turks in the Neighbourhood observing the defenceless State of the Place, may incline to make themselves Masters of it, which the said Governor thinks they might very easily do.

*Warsaw, October 27. N. S.* Yesterday the King gave Audience to the Deputies of the Palatinate of Sendomir, who in a pathetic Speech remonstrated to his Majesty the deplorable Condition to which their Province is reduced, and their utter Inability to contribute what is demanded of them for the Maintenance of the Saxon Troops: In the Close, they humbly implored the King's Compassion and Pardon, if any thing irregular or ill becoming good Subjects had of late appeared in their Conduct, to which they assured his Majesty nothing could ever have brought them but Misery and Despair. The great Chancellor Schanbeck answered for the King, that his Majesty had always had a very tender Concern for the Welfare of his Subjects, that it was to secure them from the Danger with which they were threatened last Year by the Turks that he had brought so many Saxon Troops into Poland, but now that the Danger was less to be apprehended he had resolved, for the present Relief of the Country, to send away half of those Troops immediately, and the rest as soon as Peace could be obtained with Sweden; but that notwithstanding this his Majesty's gracious Resolution, the Nobility of the Palatinate of Sendomir had in a particular Manner presumed to distinguish themselves by a factious mutinous Attempt, and had by their unseasonable rising in Arms hindered his Majesty from executing what he had resolved; so that they must blame themselves that they are not already eased of a good Part of the Pressures occasioned by the Saxons; nor could they now in Reason expect that his Majesty should send his Troops out of Poland, till such Time as he is well assured not only of the good Behaviour of their Province of Sendomir, but also of the quiet Disposition of other Provinces, which 'tis thought by the Influence of their Example may incline also to mutiny. Such an Answer as this has been given to the Deputies of Sendomir, who are not a little mortified with it.

*Madrid, October 22. N. S.* The King by Letters Patents has established an Academy in this City: It is to consist of twenty four Persons, who under his Protection are to employ themselves in refining and polishing the Castilian Language, and giving it all the Purity and Perfection of which it is capable; and he allows them a Table at Court, with the Honours and Privileges of Officers of his Household. His Majesty has nominated for Director of this Academy the Marquis de Villena,

Duke d'Escalona his Majordomo Major, who is one of the most Learned Noblemen of Spain, and for Secretary Don Vincencio Squarzafigo. An extraordinary Courier, who arrived here the 13th of this Month, brought Advice, that the Queen had embarked at Sestri di Levante on Board the Gallies, with Design to continue her Voyage by Sea in the Squadron of Spanish Men of War, commanded by Don Andrés de Pez, who waited for her in the Road of Genoa; but she was so much disordered by the rough Passage she happened to have thither, that she determined to proceed by Land, and to come cross France through Provence and Languedoc, and enter Spain by Roncevaux and Pampelona. We have since received an Account, that the 9th of last Month the Queen set out from San Pier d'Arena, and arrived the 11th at Savona. 'Tis advised from Alicant, that it having been believed her Majesty would land there, the Duke de Medina Celi was arrived there with all her Household; and that the Inhabitants were making Preparations Day and Night for receiving her in the most magnificent manner: But a Courier is sent, to let them know that her Majesty comes another way. Some Days ago the Count de Mulazzano, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Parma, arrived here: He has had a private Audience of the King; and is getting ready his Equipage, for making his Publick Entry. The last Letters from Barcelona relate, that a Proclamation having been published there, forbidding the carrying Arms, or keeping any in the House on Pain of Death, Fourscore thousand Fire-Arms, belonging to the Inhabitants of that Town, and of the Neighbouring Places, had already been brought into the Town-House. The same Prohibition was putting in Execution throughout the rest of that Principality, without any Trouble or Opposition. The Marshal Duke of Berwick is expected here in a few Days. The King has sent into France Don Antonio del Castillo, a Major General, and eldest Son of the Marquis de Villadarias, to return Thanks to his most Christian Majesty for the Assistance he gave him to facilitate the Reduction of Barcelona, and of all Catalonia. The 14 Officers of the Barcelonians who were seized and put aboard the 22d of September, to be carried to Alicant, are, General Basset who commanded the Artillery, Don Sebastian Dalmau Colonel of the Regiment of Horse of the Faith, Don Simon Sancher first Captain of that Regiment, Don Gaetan Anrillan Major of the same Regiment, Don Joseph Belver y Balaguer called Josepet, Major General, and Colonel of the Foot Regiment of the Rosary, Don Felix Belver his Son, Don Francis Vilar Major of that Regiment, Don Francis Sanz Colonel of the Foot Regiment of the Deputation, Don Raymond Sanz his Son Captain of Grenadiers of that Regiment, Don Nicholas Axendri Lieutenant Colonel of the same Regiment, Don Llinas Collonel of the Foot Regiment of St. Narcissus, Don Joseph de Torres Collonel of the Regiment of Foot of Valencia, Don Francis Marjans his Lieutenant Collonel, and one Bordes a Captain. The Ship which took them in is arrived at Alicant, with two other Officers, who are supposed to be Sig. del Poal and his Brother, or those who were formerly sent to Peniscola; and they are all to be distributed into separate Prisons. Three other Officers made their Escape by Sea the same Day. The Marquis de Villaroel, Generalissimo of the Barcelonians, being dangerously wounded, is allowed to confine himself to his own House, giving his Promise in Writing not to leave it without Order. The Bishop of Albarrazin in Arragon, being found in Barcelona, whither he had retired after the Battle of Saragossa, was put aboard a Gally and sent to Ital. Four Friars, who by their Preaching had animated the

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