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Rome. January 15.

ON the 5th of this Month an extraordinary Courier brought Dispatches from the Senate of Venice to their Ambassadour here, upon which he had an Audience of the Pope the next Day, and another on the 10th, when he communicated to him the last Advices that came from the Levant, relating to the Declaration of War made by the Turks against the Republick. The Ambassadour added, that according to the best Intelligence the Design of the Turks is against the Morea; he therefore desired of the Pope all the Assistance which the Republick might hope for from his Piety and Zeal, for the Defence of Christendom, now threatened by the most formidable Preparations which the Infidels have made these many Years. The Pope communicated to the Ambassadour the Advices which he himself had received on the same Subject, and bid him dispatch a Courier, to assure the Republick that he would give them all possible Assistance, and accordingly would take the most convenient Measures for reinforcing the Venetians with Troops and Gallies, and for helping them to support the Expence of this War. The 9th in the Evening M. Amelot arrived here from the Court of France, and took up his Lodgings in the Palace of Cardinal de la Tremoille. The next Day Cardinal Gualtieri sent him a Present of Refreshments of all Sorts, Cardinal Othoboni and Don Alessandro Albani did the like, and the 12th he had his first Audience of the Pope. The 12th a Decree of the Pope's was affixed in the usual Places, abolishing all the Acts and Ordinances in Ecclesiastical Affairs issued of late by the principal Tribunal of the Kingdom of Sicily, as being contrary to the Immunities of the Church. 'Tis advised from Naples, that Commerce between that Country and Sicily is carried on quietly, tho' there be no Proclamation made yet on either Part for an open Trade.

Venice, Jan. 19. Sig. Francesco Grimani having refused the Employment of General of the Islands, to which he was elected, the Senate assembled the 12th Instant to proceed to a new Election, which fell upon Sig. Andrea Pisani: At the same time Sig. Almore Morosini was chosen Proveditore-General of the Morea. Both these Gentlemen have begun to provide their Equipages, and are preparing for their speedy Departure. The 13 several Persons being put in Nomination for the Office of Captain General by Sea, the Chevalier Delfino, who was already Proveditore-General by Sea, was by the usual method of Balloting elected by a great Majority;

and a Vessel was immediately dispatched to him with the Commission for that high Employment. Last Week we had a very violent Storm, the Wind being at North, with abundance of Snow: The Shipping in Port and in the Lagunes suffered by this Storm, which lasted some Days, and put us into Apprehension for a good number of Transports that sailed lately, laden with Ammunition, Provision and Troops, for the Morea, under Convoy of the Neptune Man of War commanded by Sig. Diedo. But we learn since that they are got safe to Istria, whence they are to proceed on their Voyage to the Levant. The Senate have resolved to add to their Fleet six new Men of War of the Line, which are building with all possible Expedition in our Arsenal, as are also divers other Vessels, and some Bomb Gallies. Letters from Brescia give an Account, that the Veteran Regiments which had begun to march in order to be embarked at the Lido, have been obliged to stop on the way, because the deep Snows have made it very difficult to pass along the Roads. Ammunition, Bullets, and Arms, have been drawn out of the great Store-house at Brescia, and others on the Terra-firma, to be shipped on the next Fleet of Transports. The tempestuous Weather has hindered the arrival of several Merchant Ships and others which were expected from the Levant and from Dalmatia: Only one is arrived from Constantinople, with Letters of the 9th of December, which advise that the Grand Signior had ordered his Equipages to be got ready by the end of that Month, because he designed to go to Adrianople in January, and draw together a numerous Army in that part of the Country.

Madrid Jan. 28. The 11th of this Month four Despatches of the Academy which the King has established for improving the Spanish Language, were admitted to kiss the Queen's Hand, and made a Speech wherein they complimented her on her happy Arrival in Spain. The 19th the Princess Piombino set out from hence to return to Rome by the Way of Catalonia, having been presented by the King with a Jewel worth near 3000 Pistoles, and with 2000 Pistoles in Money for the Expence of her Journey. The same Day the Countess d'Altamira took Possession of the Office of Camarera Mayor to the Queen, being accompanied to the Court by the principal Nobility in their Coaches. The King, the Queen, and the Prince, frequently take the Diversion of hunting; and returning from the Field the 22d Instant, their Majesties lodged the first time in the Palace of Buen-retiro, having left the Duke de Medina-Celi's House, in which the King had his Residence from the time of the Death of the late Queen: Since their Removal, it has been