

*Milan, Decemb. 26.* The Count *Urcolo Visconti*, Envoye from His Catholick Majesty to the Great Duke of *Toscany*, is returned thence extremely satisfied with his entertainment in that Court.

The Duke of *Ossuna* hath given Orders for the reinforcing the principal Garrisons of this Dutchy. The Command of Field Marshal General, vacant by the death of the Count *Galcazzo Trotti*, is not yet disposed of, but it is thought it may be at last conferred on *Don Inigo de Vclandia*, General of the Horse, whose employment the Admiral of *Castille* is solliciting for his Son the Count de *Melgar*.

*Don Ferdinando Baldez*, late Governor of *Novarre*, seems still unwilling to take possession of his new employment of General of the Artillery, which the Queen Regent of *Spain* hath lately bestowed upon him, till he be assured that his monthly Salary of Five hundred Crowns shall be continued him, instead of Three hundred which the General of the Artillery here hath.

From *Manua* We have advice, that the Treaty of Marriage between that Duke, and the Princess *Guisela*, which was for some time interrupted by the means of the Cardinal of *Este*, is renewed again, and may in a short time be concluded.

*Ratisbonne, Dec. 27.* So many difficulties arise here daily in the Diet about the perpetual Capitulation, a thing they have been long endeavouring at, that most begin to despair of the success, the whole matter is now put into the hands of the Directors; to be by them communicated to the Electors and the rest of the Princes of the Empire, and then to be reported back again to the Diet; nor are they better advanced in the business they are about, for the Publick Defence of the Empire, though it hath been pressed on by several Princes with great vigor and earnestness. The Emperor hath written to the Bishop of *Aichstadt* his Commissioner General of the Diet, telling him of the great Levies the Turks are every where making against the Spring, and that they have resolved to assist the Rebels in *Hungary* with an Army of 50000 men; withal minding him that it is his duty to exhort the several States and Princes assembled in the Diet, to a timely provision for the security of the Empire, and to put themselves in a condition effectually to oppose the designs which so manifestly threaten them from the Ottoman Port. It is hoped that this may induce them to proceed to some speedy conclusion in this affair.

*Stockholm, Dec. 28.* This Government continues daily to send more Forces from hence into *Liesland*, for the strengthening of their Garrisons in those parts, and so to secure themselves from any sodain attempt the Muscovite might make upon them: for, notwithstanding the great troubles that are amongst those people, they seem not at all inclinable to bring the differences that are at present between them and this Crown to a composition. They are likewise imbarquing here several Troops to be transported into *Pomerania*, they intending to have in those parts a considerable force to be ready on all occasions.

*Brussels, Jan. 10.* His Excellency the Count de *Monterey* continues still at *Antwerp*, treating with several persons there for the advancing Moneys for the payment of the Troops. The 8th instant the Duke de *Bournonville* went hence towards *Osenda*, in order to visit the Port and Fortifications there, and to confer with several Engineers

about the raising of some new Works for the better strength and defence of that place. His Excellency has given order for the recruiting with all speed the Eight Regiments of Walloons, and the raising several Troops in the respective Provinces.

*Paris, Jan. 17.* The 11th instant a review was taken of the Kings Guards of Musqueteers, where the King as is said, caused all those which were of the Reformed Religion to be disbanded; and it is said, he will make the like Reformation in his other Guards of *Gensdarmes*, *Chenaux Legers*, and the *Gardes du Corps*, intending hence-forward not to have any Officer in his household which shall profess any other Religion than the Roman Catholick. It is here certainly said, that the King will go hence the 13th of *February* next to *St Germain*, and there remain with the whole Court till the beginning of *April*, when he intends to set out at the head of a considerable Army towards *Flanders*. Yesterday Monsieur de *Louvois* by order of the King, gave notice to all the Officers of his Household, of these his Majesties intentions, that they might accordingly be ready at that time. It is said that amongst the many preparations that are making against Spring, the King hath ordered all the Torches and Flambeaux which can be found ready made at *Nancy* or other places, to be bought up, to the number of 30000, and hath caused more to be made, on designe as is supposed, that during the great heats in Summer, the Army may march in the night, and in the cool of the mornings and evenings. They further say, that during the Kings stay with his Army at *Dunkirk*, the whole Fleet of 100 sail will have Orders to come and ride before that place. The King intends to goe and pass some few days at *Vincennes*, where they are at present making great preparations for the divertisement of the Court with several Balls and Comedies, the first day of this appearance, the Court is to be in very grave and serious habits though extraordinary rich, the second day they are to appear like Hunters, and the third day in Masquerade, with all imaginable Gallantry: the King hath invited Monsieur *Windisgratz* the Emperors Envoye to be present there, to see on this occasion, the pomp and splendor of the French Court before his departure.

It is said that the Republick of *Venice* apprehending every day more and more an approaching invasion from the Turks, have ordered their Ambassador here in that case, to desire the Kings assistance against those Infidels, to which he hath not yet received any answer.

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