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Legorn, Jan. 20.

From Florence they write, That Count Mansfield, Ambassador from his Imperial Majesty to the Great Duke, was to depart from thence the 23 hence, intending to take his way for Venice, to pass there the rest of the Carnival.

Yesterday arrived here a French ship from Lishonne and Genoua with 300 Chests of Sugar, for the Account of several Merchants of this place. The Zant Fregat may in few days sail from this Port for Naples and Messina, with several other small vessels that lie here

Rome, Jan. 17. Since the arrival of Don Pedro d' Arragon, all the Cardinals and greatest part of the Nobility about the Town have been to compliment his Excellency, who hath not been wanting to return their civilities; all the discourse at present is, of his publick Audience, which is appointed for the 20th instant, but his Excellency being somewhat indisposed, and the weather very bad, it is thought that Ceremony may be put off for some time, the preparations which are in the mean time making here are altogether extraordinary, his Excellency being resolved to appear there with all the pomp and magnificence imaginable; the Spanish Cardinals have daily conferences with his Excellency for adjusting the pretensions of the Constable of Colonna, and the Princes Palestrina-Barbarini, and Sulmona Borghese, about the rank they would have at that solemnity, in which matter they have not as yet been able to come to any conclusion, and this is thought may be one other reason, why his publick Audience may be deferred, till all things are first agreed on. It is certainly said that his Excellency hath received since his being here, a Letter from the Queen Regent of Spain, willing him so soon as he shall have performed his Embassy of Obedience in this Court, to return to his Government as Vice-Roy of Naples, which it seems hath disappointed some persons of Quality in the Court of Spain, who aimed at that employment, thinking his Excellency would upon this occasion have been removed from thence.

The Pope hath within few days made Signior Bevilacqua Governor of Rome, who is to take possession of that charge in the beginning of Lent. Signior Varce his predecessor being nominated to goe as Nuncio to the Republick of Venice, where he is to remain in the room of Signior Trotti, who is to return to Rome to be a Chierico di Camerato the Pope, Signior Vincentini is to go in the same Quality to Naples, Signior Alberici into Germany, and Signior Nerli to France.

Milan, Jan. 20. Our last Letters from Madrid tell us, that the Count de Humanez, designed Ambassador extraordinary to the Crown of Portugal, continues still in Galicia, making very great and splendid preparations for that Embassy, and that it is thought he may now very suddenly begin his journey thither. From Barcelona they write, that the Count de Melgar embarked himself with his Train the third instant upon Three Gallies of the Duke of

Turki's Squadron; so that he is daily expected here, to take possession of his Government of Navarra.

The Queen Regent having been humbly informed by our Agent at Madrid, of the poor condition of this Dutchy, as well by reason of the wars past, as the great charges it still lies under, hath sent express Orders to our Governour the Duke d' Ossuna, forthwith to disband the one halfe of the new raised Troops, and to ease the inhabitants of all other charge he may without prejudicing his Catholick Majesties service, and the publick safety.

Venice, Jan. 23. Here is lately arrived Two great vessels from Spalatro, and the neighboring Turkish Dominions, laden with several rich Commodities; the Seamen say, that a small Caravan, at their coming from thence, arrived there; and that a far greater was suddenly to follow, the Turks here have here also freighted Two ships to carry hence the effects of their late entercourse, so as here begins a new Trade, of no small advantage to the Inhabitants.

Several Boats are here arrived from Dalmatia, but bring no other advice, then that all things continue there very quiet; that the General Barbaro and the Bassa of Bossina have daily conferences about regulating the limits, and that it is hoped they may now suddenly conclude that affair.

The Conte Alfonso Casatti, his Catholick Majesties Ambassador in Swisserland, is at present at Lucern, having in the late Assembly of the Swisses, obtained a Levy of 4000 men; and it is said that this Republick hath likewise given leave for the raising of some Troops to be employed in the service of the Crown of Spain; the Moneys for the carrying on this Levy are already returned to Genoua, and some made over hither. The Conte di Lucern, late Ambassador from the Duke of Savoy at Rome, is arrived here; it is thought his stay will not be long, but that so soon as he hath paid his respects to this Duke and Senate, he will depart on his way home. Here are arrived of late Four considerable vessels, which have been long on the coast of Istria, one from Smirna, the second from Alexandria, and a third from Eviza with Salt; by the first we have advice, that the Trade goes on apace in those parts, encreasing daily very considerably; that there was lately come a Chiausto from Smirna, from the Bassa of Candia, to hire Masons and Carpenters to be transported to that Island for repairing and building the houses consumed by the late fire; as likewise to buy up several materials for building, of which it seems they are in some scarcity there, and that the Captain Bassa was the at Canea with a Squadron of Gallies, expecting a recruit of slaves from Constantinople, for want of which he could not put to sea.

The Plague is very hot in Asia, and especially in Cyprus, which hath reduced that Island to a very miserable condition.

The Islands of the Archipelago, which during the late wars, were forced to pay Contributions to both sides, and did now hope to enjoy the enriching benefits of peace, are said to be in a worse condition then ever, he Inhabitants being almost oppressed with poverty, by reason they cannot vent their

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