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Venice, December 3.

ON the 17th of last Month an Officer arrived in a Felucca, with Letters giving an Account, that General Schulenburg having laid Siege to Prevesa, made himself Master of it in five Days: The said Officer brought with him 12 Turkish Colours, which were hung up in the Ducal Church of St. Mark; and he reported, that 200 Turks were killed in the Attacks, and 150 made Slaves, 500 others having found Means to escape out of the Place to the Mountains. Letters which came in about the same Time from Dalmatia advised, that Sig. Sebastian Mocenigo opened Trenches the 16th of October before Antivari, and had advanced into the Suburbs, but not having a sufficient Number of Men to invest the Town on all Sides, the Turks threw in Succours; whereupon a Council of War being held, it was resolved to raise the Siege. On the 24th past a Felucca arrived from Corfu, with the News of the taking of Voniza. The Land-Forces commanded by General Schulenburg, having embarked on the Fleet of this Republick commanded by Captain-General Pisani, proceeded from Prevesa on the 26th of October, and landing in the Neighbourhood of Voniza, made the necessary Dispositions for attacking it. The Town was defended by 1800 Turks, among them 400 Spahis, and is strong by its Situation: Our Forces were first obliged to possess themselves of a Hill, in order to make a near Approach to the Place, and a Body of the Enemy appeared drawn up in good Order, as if they were determined to oppose them: But our Men advancing in Battalia, the Turks retired from the Hill into the Place, which (after holding a Council of War) they resolved to abandon on the 2d of November: They had been some Time in full March before it was known in our Camp, and then it was too late to pursue them and fall upon their Rear. Our Forces entering the Place, found in it 32 Cannon and 6 Mortars, and in the Harbour 8 Galliots and 16 flat-bottomed Vessels which were made when the Turks attacked Corfu. Some Standards were also found, with an Horse-Tail which was a Mark of Distinction that had

been given to the Governour as a Balshaw. The Turks lost some Men by the Fire of our Artillery and Bombs from some Batteries which were raised during the little Time our Forces lay before the Place, and we lost a few Men by the Enemy's Artillery: But had the Place been defended resolutely, it must have cost much Blood. By this Acquisition the Republick has already gained a fine Country, and our Fleet and Land-Forces were preparing to go and attack the Town of Arta, in order to extend the Contributions yet further. Upon this Advantage over the Infidels, the Senate have caused Te Deum to be sung in the Church of our Lady della Salute, where the Horse-Tail and other Trophies are hung up. They also ordered Publick Rejoicings to be made for three Nights successively, with Illuminations, &c. and by a Decree have made the Captain General Pisani a Knight of St. Mark. A Convoy is getting ready to sail to the Levant, with Recruits, Money, and other Necessaries. Two Ships of War of the second Rate, have been launched in our Arsenal within these ten Days, and four more Ships of the same Rate, with two first Rates, are finishing. The Senate has chosen Sig. Michael Morosini, to go Ambassadour to the Court of Vienna, in the Room of Sig. Grimani, who having resided there the usual Time, is to return home.

Vienna, Dec. 1. On the 18th of last Month the States of Lower Austria assembled, to whom the Emperour made in Person the usual Demand of an annual Subsidy, and delivered to them his Proposal in writing; after which Count Sinzendorff enlarged upon the urgent Reasons for complying with the Emperour's Demand, and the States returned a very dutiful Answer to his Imperial Majesty. 'Tis not doubted they will grant the same Sum they did last Year, which was 700000 Florins, part whereof is to be paid in Money, and the rest in Clothing and other Furniture necessary for the Troops. On the 27th past Mr. Wortley's Secretary arrived here from Belgrade. Yesterday being St. Andrew's Day, the Knights of the Golden Fleece waited on the Emperour to Church in the Habits of that Order, and afterwards had the Honour of dining in the same Hall with his Imperial