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Venice, May 13.

ON Sunday last publick Prayers were begun in the Church of St. Mark, for good Success the ensuing Campaign against the Turks, and for Peace; at which Devotions the Doge and Senate, with a great Concourse of People, assisted, and the same were continued three Days. Letters from Corfu of the 15th of last Month give an Account of the Arrival of the last great Convoy that was sent from hence with Stores for the Fleet; and that the Ships of War and Gallies being all careened, most of the Workmen who were sent from hence to be employed in that Service, were preparing to return hither. A Number of Greek Seamen, which had been raised at Zant and Cephalonia, were arrived at Corfu, and were distributed into the several Ships and Gallies, which by this Means had their full Complement of Men. 'Tis advised from Smyrna, that the Turks were cleaning their Men of War and Gallies, but will not fit out to Sea a greater Number than they did last Year; that they waited for Mariners from the Islands of the Archipelago, after whose Arrival the Fleet would sail out of the Dardanelles for Chio, there to join the Squadrons from Barbary. It having been advised, that the Turks frequently appear in small Bodies in Sight of Preveza and Vonizza, but without making any Attempt against either of them, being deterred by the good Order they find those Places are in, the Senate have written to General Schulembourg to thank him for his Care in reinforcing those Garrisons timely in March last, and supplying them with all Necessaries; at the same Time intimating to his Excellency, that they would have him forbear to take the Field, till they are able to judge what will be the Issue of the Negotiations in Hungary.

Hague, May 31. A Squadron of nine Men of War will be ready to sail next Week for the Baltick with the Merchant Ships bound for the North. The Marquês de Chateauf, Ambassadour of France, has removed out of his House, which is now making ready for his Successour M. de Morville, who is daily expected. We have Ad-

vice that the Elector of Cologne is using his Endeavours to get his Nephew, the second Son of the Elector of Bavaria, chosen his Coadjutor. The two Princes of Bavaria are expected in the Austrian Netherlands; the Marquês de Prié has received Orders from the Court of Vienna to entertain them with all Marks of Honour when they come to Brussels, and they are to be lodged there in the Palace.

Whitehall, May 26. On the 14th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator Mr. William Wisheart. His Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Rothes was read, as was likewise His Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly. His Majesty's High Commissioner made a Speech to the Assembly, which was answered on their Part by the Moderator; and a Committee was appointed to draw up a Dutiful Answer to His Majesty's most gracious Letter, which being reported on the 16th, was unanimously approved; and having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to his Grace the Duke of Roxburghe, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to His Majesty, and is as follows.

May it please your Majesty,

With the greatest Sense of Duty and Thankfulness, we most humbly acknowledge your Majesty's Royal Favour in countenancing our Assembly, and honouring us with your most gracious Letter.

The Notice that your Majesty, in your great Goodness, is pleased to take of the Zeal and Affection of the Church of Scotland to your Royal Person and Government, to which we judge our selves bound by the strongest Obligations, excites us to use our best Endeavours to make appear to the World our inviolable Loyalty and Faithfulness to the best of Kings; and it shall be our earnest Care to shew such a Disposition in this Assembly, and to manage our selves with that Temper and Unanimity, as, we humbly hope, may be pleasing to your Majesty.

We can never sufficiently express our Gratitude to your Majesty, for the repeated Assurances of your constant Royal Care and Endeavours to promote the Interest, and maintain inviolably the Rights and Privileges of the