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Petersburg, January 30. O. S.

THE Czar, on the Road to Olonicz, was taken with a violent Cold, which obliged him to retire for some Days to a Monastery, where the Czarina overtook him, and having staid some Days together, they both departed thence the 25th Instant, and continued their Journey towards Olonicz. Two Days ago arrived at this Place M. Osterman, his Czarish Majesty's second Plenipotentiary at the Congress held at Aland; 'Tis thought he only comes to give an Account of what has been transacted at that Place, and that he is to return thither with new Instructions, as soon as this Court shall be satisfied that the Queen of Sweden will renew the Conferences.

Hambourg, Feb. 28. The young Duke of Holstein, Charles Frederick, has resolved to form his Court as Duke of Holstein; and to this End has sent Orders to some Persons who served his Father, to come with all convenient Speed into Sweden, where he intends to re-establish them in their former Stations. Two of those Gentlemen are now here, and intend to set out for Sweden by the Way of Lubeck in a few Days. And as these Persons are not at all Baron Goertz's Friends, but quite of an opposite Party, it seems the Duke designs to abandon that Minister and all his Adherents. 'Tis reported the King of Denmark intends to send Commissaries to the Island Moen, to treat there with Swedish Commissaries concerning an Exchange of Prisoners.

Copenhagen, Feb. 18. The Sound and Belts are frozen up. The Hambourg Post which should have come on the 13th, did not arrive till to Day; and they were obliged to cut their Way through the Ice on the great Belt.

Lisbon, Feb. 27. The Crown, a British Man of War, coming Convoy from England with several Merchant Ships and Store-Ships, ran a-ground at her Entrance into this Port on the 9th Instant, about Six in the Evening, near Fort St. Julian. 20 Men of her Company were lost, the rest were saved. Letters from Madrid of the 10th Instant advise, that Orders were sent to Cadix, for getting ready with all Diligence five Men of War for the Security of their Commerce in America, which are to be commanded by Captain Serrano. Don Pedro de Vasconcellos, late Ambassadour of this Crown at the Court of Spain, returned hither on the 16th Instant. Yesterday a Dutch Ship from Guiney was forced into this Port, having lost all her Masts: Off of Madeta she was plundered by a Pyrate of six Guns and about 120 Men, of which most were English, the rest French and Dutch.

Naples, Feb. 3. Yesterday Sir George Byng sailed from hence with Part of the British Fleet for Port Mahon. The Charles Galley and the Garland are now at Baya. A Squadron commanded by Captain Matthews is in the Fate of Messina, to watch the Motions of Cammock with his Spanish Ships of War. We have Advice to Day from Reggio, that the Kent and Royal Oak are there;

and that the Grafton and Rochester had sunk a Spanish Man of War of 50 Guns in the Bay of Catania.

From on board the Barfleur, off Port Mahon, Feb. 18. Sir George Byng with the Men of War that had been cruising all the Winter, has been ever since the 2d Instant beating up for this Place from Naples. The Men of War are to be refitted in this Port; and as soon as they can be got ready for the Sea, Sir George will return with them to Naples. By that Time it is hoped the Emperour's Troops will be ready for their Descent on Sicily.

Rome, Feb. 11. On the 7th Instant a Man in ordinary Habit came to the Pretender's Apartment, and desired to speak with him; which being refused, he writ a Note and sent it in, and upon reading it the Pretender admitted him to talk privately with him; what passed between them was not known. That Night the Pretender was at the Opera; and about Three the next Morning he set out in great Haste with three Caleshes and two Men on Horseback. His Departure was kept so private, that on the 8th the Princess Rutpoli having sent him a Present of Wine, it was carried into his Apartment as if he had been there, and an Answer was brought out that he returned Thanks to the Princess. The same Day, about Three in the Afternoon, the Pope sent for Cardinal Paolucci, and gave into his Hands a Letter which had been brought to him by the Pretender's Secretary, in which he acquainted him with his Departure that Morning before Day, upon an Affair of very great Importance, which would not admit of Delay, nor allow him to take Leave as he ought of his Holiness.

Leghorne, Feb. 17. Letters from Florence of the 14th Instant advise, that the Pretender arrived there the 11th at Night, and immediately proceeded towards Bologna. On the 15th came in the Dragon a British Man of War, which with the Loo is appointed by Sir George Byng to take Care of the Trade to this Port: The same Night sailed the Loo to cruize off Portolongone. A Spanish Privateer of 24 Guns is kept in here by the Dragon, as she was before by the Loo. We have Advice from Reggio, that five Spanish Ships having sailed from Palermo for Messina, viz. three of them Men of War, one of 70, another of 60, and the other of 40 Guns, and two Ships laden with Ammunition and Provisions for the Camp at Melazzo, they went round on the Back of the Island, and in the Height of Syracuse were met by two British Men of War, the Grafton, and the Rochester, which attacked them; the Spanish Ship of 60 Guns ran ashore in the Gulph of Catania, that of 70 was sunk, but that of 40 escaped and got into Messina; the two Ships laden with Stores made off towards the Island of Corfu. We have certain Advice, that Sig. Patino, Intendant General of the Spanish Army in Sicily, is arrived at Rome, but cannot yet learn what his Business is there.

Genoa, Feb. 21. By Letters from Rome of the 11th Instant we had Advice, that on the 8th the Pretender set out from that Place with three Post-