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Rome, December 5.

ON Sunday last the Dutchess *Cesari*, Wife to the Prince *de Sonnino Colonna*, was happily brought to bed of a Son, being her first Child, to the extraordinary joy of that Family. Here is lately arrived the young *France Lewis de Baden*, with thoughts of passing some time here; he hath been since to pay his respects to his Holyness; by whom he was received with great kindness and affection, proportionable to the Esteem this Court has ever had, for the great Merits of the Marquis *Ferdinand of Baden* his Grandfather, and the House of *Savoie*, from whence he is descended, by his Mother, who was Daughter to Prince *Thomas of Savoie*.

The Marquis *d'Asorgas* continues still so far indisposed, as to be obliged to keep his Bed, so that his departure from hence towards his Government of *Naples*, remains as yet uncertain. The Archbishop of *Tholouse*, hath, as we are told, of late renewed his pretence, by his Agent here, for a Cardinals Cap, at the nomination of *Casimir* late King of *Poland*, as well as this present King his Successor; in which, he being very much countenanced by his most Christian Majesty, it is thought, he may with more ease obtain satisfaction at the next promotion, which is still deferred; his Holyness continuing very strong and perfect in health, considering his great age.

It is reported here, as if the Emperor should have desired his Holyness Permission to raise a sum of Money on several Ecclesiastical Revenues, for the better enabling him to provide against the attempts of the Port, which they say seem to threaten *Hungary*.

Milan, Decemb. 7. From *Turin* they write, that the French Cavalry, raised in the Territories of that Duke, for the service of his most Christian Majesty, were on their march for *France*, consisting of 24 Troops, bravely Mounted and Armed. We are told of a difference that hath happened, between our Archbishop the Cardinal *Litta*, and our Governor the Duke *d'Offuna*, by reason of some respects having been omitted, at the Reception of the Cardinal, which he pretends due to his Dignity.

Lisbonne, Decemb. 9. About three days since came in here a Fleet of above 30 Sayl of Merchant men from *Braquile*, there being still wanting about six or seven of the said Fleet, for whom we are the more concerned, since we have news of several *Argiers* men of War, that have of late much infested these Coasts; the Merchants arrived in these ships, tell us, that they remained in *Braquile* about twenty Sayl, who were forced to stay behind, by reason they could not get lading, Sugar being very scarce there this last year.

The Council of State have been of late frequently assembled, upon the arrival of several Expresses from *Madrid*, which made us the more solicitous to know what they brought with them; and have since learned that they were dispatches which came through *Spain*; from our Ambassador in *England*.

Madrid, Decemb. 9. The 24 past arrived here the Marquis *Villars*, Ambassador extraordinary from his most Christian Majesty; and the next day went hence the Marquis *del Fresno*, with the same Character for *England*. The Prince *de Parme* is barely benched towards his Government of *Naples*, having before his departure; received by order of the Queen Regent, a very considerable summe of Money, for the payment of the Militia of that Kingdom.

From *Malaga* they write, that Sir *John Chiabocley* in the *Dreadnought* having passed by that Port on his way to *Port Mahon*, was by contrary winds forced back thither, and detained there till the last of the same Month. From *Tangier*, that the *Garrison* and *Mole*, were in a very good condition, the later being considerably advanced; That the Emperor *Tasileta* continued his Court at *Fez*, with great Splendor and Authority; That there were three Ambassadors from the Town and People of *Argier*; From whence we have advice, that the Captain, who at the beginning of the Rupture with *England*, took the Money out of the *East India* Merchant man, was escaped with the Frigate he commanded to *Sally*, and there kept his Station.

From *Lisbonne* of the 10 past, that the week before, the Council of State and War, had upon the arrival of two Expresses from *Madrid*, say very close, which made people think, they had brought something of more then ordinary importance; and by Letters of a fresher date from the same place, we are told, that the Fellow, that had been lately taken as he was stealing Hens at the Nunnery at *Odivetas*, and who was found to have been the author of the Sacrilege, committed sometime since at that Parish Church, had been condemned to be burnt, which he accordingly suffered, without the least show of any regret or trouble, and without having discovered any of his Complices.

Brussels, Decemb. 25. The Baron *de Risuncourt*, hath, as we are told, finally concluded his Negotiation, concerning the Prince *de Vaudemont's* coming into the Service of these Countreys, with a Regiment of 1300 Horse; so that he is expected here presently after the Holydays.

The reformed Officers are all gone for *Goldenland*, where they are to raise several Troops for the Service of the Town of *Cologne*; we hear as yet nothing farther of the new Leavies his Excellency intends to make.

Cologne, Dec. 25. We had once flattered ourselves, that a fair accommodation would have preceded these Holydays, and yet would willingly hope, it may usher in the new Year; though we have but too much ground to fear the contrary. The 23 instant, the Imperial Commissioners, together with the Deputies of the Circle of *Westphalia*, went hence for *Breuil* (where his Electoral Highness likewise came from *Bon*) every one pretending the same time, to assure each other, that things would be finally concluded, at the Conference they were to have there; and the rather because the Bishop of *Munster*, having said the day before, to some of the Deputies, that the Elector would accept of the late

Project, fram'd by the Deputies of the Circle of *Westphalia*; and the Elector himself having declared, that the points he scrupled at, were of so small importance, that it could not hinder the finishing of this work: But on the contrary, the said Deputy, upon their arrival at *Breuil*, found the same difficulties and objections were made by the Elector, as formerly; and that he insisted upon an alteration in several main points, which our Magistrates had formerly declared they could never consent to; so that in the evening they returned hither again, only with this satisfaction, that they had used their endeavors, though unsuccessfully, for the putting an end to this troublesome business.

Ditto, The several Deputies, notwithstanding they have little reason to hope for any better success in their Negotiations for accommodating matters here, then hitherto they have met with, are resolved to continue here these Holydays: Yesterday they had another Conference, what passed in it, we as yet know not; in the interim, we are daily allarm'd with the news of the approach of more Forces towards these parts, we being at present told, of 6000 Horse that are come to quarter in the Territories of the Elector of *Metz*. The Heer *d' Amerongen*, may in few days go hence for *Berlin*, in quality of Envoy to the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, from the States General of the United Provinces.

Paris, Decemb. 26 There are at present on their march from divers parts of this Kingdom, several Regiments both of Horse and Foot for *Chalons*, where is appointed about the beginning of the next Month, a General Rendevous, of a considerable part of the Kings Forces, most of the Guards have likewise orders to march immediately thither, the rest being to attend his Majesty, who hath declared, that he will begin his journey for those parts the 15 of the next Month; in the mean time Monsieur *de Louvois* is gone for *Flanders*, from whence he is to order, as we hear, several Troops to this General Rendevous. The Duke *d'Estrees* is preparing for his Embassy to the Court at *Rome*, on which he may set forward very suddenly.

From *Lorraine* they write, that the Mareschal *de Crequi* was on his march for *Metz*, whither he is to bring together all his Forces, in order to their farther March to the Rendevous at *Chalons*. From *Stockholm*, that Monsieur *de Pomponne* intended to part thence the second instant, having at length obtained, as they tell us, a very favourable answer from the Senate, to what he had proposed to them, by order of his most Christian Majesty; it is said, that he hath directions to continue some days at *Copenhagen* on his return home; in order to the negotiating some matters at that Court.

The Heer *Grotius*, Ambassador here from the States General of the United Provinces, having lately desired a particular Audience of his Majesty, in order to the delivering him a Letter from the States his Masters, and the making as is said, some farther Overtures, for the begetting a better understanding then at present there seems to be, between this Crown and the said States in point of Commerce; had, as we are told, for answer, that his Majesty would not be at leisure, till after his return from *Champagne*. On Munday last the Dutchess of *Orleans* gave Audience to the Ambassadors, and other Forreign Ministers residing at this Court.

Milan, Decemb. 7. We have advice here from *Genova*, that the Senate there, hath lately prohibited the wearing of all Forreign Manufactures in any part of their Dominions, after the seventh of

March next; That no Gentleman or other, shall keep more then three Servants in Liveries, together with several other matters for the suppressing the Exorbitancies of their Inhabitants.

That there was arriv'd several Vessels from *Palerme* in *Sicily*, to lade Corne, by the directions of the Prince *de Ligne*, Vice Roy of that Kingdom, for the use of those Countreys, where it seems, the scarcity of all kind of Grain continues very great; That the Prince of *Monaco* is setting out a man of War, to be employed against the Corsairs of *Argiers*, &c.

The Count *de Windisgratz*, having concluded his Negotiation at the Court at *Mantoua*, to the content of the several Parties that were concern'd in it, is returning home again, having received the Emperors Orders to that purpose.

At *Pignerol* they are at present very much busied with casting of Great Guns for the service of that place, and making other preparations for the farther Fortifying the same.

Hague, Decemb. 29. On Tuesday next will be a meeting of the Deputies, appointed by the States of *Holland*, for the Military Affairs, in order to the stating the several matters at present before them, that so the said States may the more readily at their next Assembly, which is to be on the fifth of *January*, come to a final resolution in them; in the mean time the report continues here of forming a Flying Army near *Wesell*, it being said, that the Spaniards have a considerable Body of Horse near *Tienen*.

The Velt Marshal *Wurtz* is gone for *Utrecht*, but intends to make no long stay there. The *Rhyngrove* is still here. The several Provinces having consented to the raising of 10 Regiments of Foot, and as many of Horse, to make up in all 14000 Infantry and 6000 Cavalry; we are in much expectation of the final resolution of the States General in this matter; we are told, that at the same time, when the States of *Holland* consented to these new Leavies, they likewise gave in their advice, concerning the next years Equipage, viz. the fitting out 48 of their best men of War, besides Fireships, Frigats, and other smaller Vessels; declaring then, that unless the rest of the Provinces did with the same zeal and readines concur with them in this matter, as they had done in that of the Leavies, they would recal the consent they had already given, for the raising the new Troops, which it seems, they did, because several of the Provinces have not appeared to forward for the carrying on the Maritime preparations, as they have been for having a good Army in the Field, though it is not to be doubted, but they will easily agree with the other Provinces in this particular.

There are certainly framing Instructions for a Captain General, to Command all the Forces of this State, in which, we are told of some difficulty, concerning his Power and Authority, in the disposing of vacant Commands, punishing and pardoning Military offences, &c. which some are of opinion, ought to be in several points limited; but of this, we shall certainly hear farther, at the next meeting of the States of *Holland*.

Here hath been a discourse for some days, that the Heer *d' Amerongen* at present at *Cologne*, is to go Ambassador to the King of *Danemark*, and that the Heer *Brassart* is to go to the Elector of *Brandenburghs* Court at *Berlin*. Yesterday arriv'd here his Excellency my Lord Ambassador *Downing* from *England*; that which was before said of his arrival, proving a mistake. At *Cologne* there seems to be less and less hopes of an accommodation.