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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 benighted 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 *Argiers*; 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