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Stockholm, December 9. 3.V.

THe second instant arrived here Monsieur Courrin from France; but continues as yet incognito; in the mean time Monsieur de Vaubrun hath taken his leave of their Majesties and the Regency, in order to his return home.

Milan, Decemb. 16. Our Governour the Duke of Ossuna, hath lately by an Extraordinary Courier from Madrid, received, as we are told, instructions from the Queen Regent, that he immediately reinforce several Garrisons towards the Frontiers of France, and put all things, as far as in him lies, in a good posture of defence; so that now we discourse of raising more Forces, instead of disbanding those already on foot, as some of the Nobility of these Countries seem still to desire. His Excellency returned yesterday from Pavia and Lodi, where he had been to visit the Fortifications, and take a review of the Forces in Garrison there. The 24 past marched through Piedmont, the remaining Troops, raised in those parts, for the service of the Crown of France.

Monsieur Clo continues still there, having, as is said, received farther orders from his most Christian Majesty, for the raising 400 Foot more, besides those already raised. From Mantoua, they tell us, that the Dutchess Dowager was retired into a Cloyster, and that the Count de Windisgratz, the Imperial Envoy, was gone thence on his return to Vienna.

Venice, Decemb. 18. We have advice here, that the Dutchess Dowager of Mantoua, is lately entered into a Religious House of Capucins, and that the Conte Bulgatino, is turned a Dominican Fryar. From Smirna they confirm the news we formerly had of the Grand Signiors Brothers death by poison, to which they add this farther circumstance, that he dyed the 17 September at night, and as is acknowledged, in the time when the Moon was in her late Eclipse, from whence the Superstition of the people, seem to raise ill Omens to that Empire; how ever it is certain, the death of this young Prince, hath much secured the Grand Signiors Government, to which the Generallity of the People, seem to have as great an aversion, as they had love for the person of this young Prince, and an earnest desire to establish him in the Government.

Several Complaints coming to the Senate, against the late Provoditor General Bernardo, for matters by him committed, during his Government of Trent, &c. they have ordered a Process to be formed against him, to the end, he may either vindicate his Honor herein, or give satisfaction for the extortions charged on him.

The Duke of Mantoua is suddenly expected here, a Palace being in the interim preparing to receive him. The Duke de Nevers is returning with his Dutchess to Rome.

Ratisbonne, Decemb. 26. It is easy to imagine the trouble, our Commissioner, with several other Deputies of this Dyet, have, to find all their earnest endeavors, for concluding the matters of the Publick security, and perpetual Capatulation; to have

been so unsuccessful, that after so many Months debate, they seem no more advanced then they were at their first being brought on the Bord. In the mean time the Dyet hath appointed Deputies for the framing instructions, for a General to command the Forces of the Empire, in case of an occasion.

Frankfort, Decemb. 26. Here is at present the Prince de Vaudemont, in order to the raising some Troops, as he is doing in other parts of Germany, for the service of the Spanish Netherlands. Some days since passed this place the Count de St. Geran, on his way to Berlin, whither he goes in quality of Envoy from his most Christian Majesty. Several Troops come down daily out of Lorraine; at which hath been layd up vast quantities of Corn, and other Military Provisions, for what design is variously reported. What was lately said, of several Foreign Troops being quartered in the Territories of the Elector of Mentz, proves a mistake.

Cologne, Decemb. 29. As well the Imperial Commissioners, as the Deputies of the Circle of Westphalia, have been in conference together with the Magistrates of this place, all these Holydays, for the finding out some expedient to reconcile the difficulties made by our Elector, in several points of the late Project, in which they have advanced so far, as to give us new hopes of the final determination of these matters.

The Bishop of Munster is still at Kendernick; where he omits nothing, as is said, for the furthering this work, which will so much contribute to the confirming the peace and quiet of the whole Empire; the chief difficulty which at present remains yet undecided, is concerning some Inhabitants of this Town, which our Elector has some pretence against, though we hope, that this too will be removed, and then a fair accommodation follow, of all differences which have so long, with so much disturbance to our selves and Neighbours, continued between us and our Elector.

On Saturday last went hence the Hear of Amstongen for Berlin; the same day passed through this place the Duke and Dutchess of Simmern, on their way to Holland, where they intend, as is said, to continue some time. Here hath been some days in Town, Prince William of Furstendurgh; and is lodged at Monsieur Verjus, the French Ministers House.

Ditto, Things seem at present so far advanced towards an accommodation, that we may with more ground then ever, hope it may be suddainly concluded; this day our Magistrates Entertained at Dinner the several Deputies, together with the Internuncio, and the Marquis de Grana, the march of which Entertainments having been much increased, through the great appearance, there is, of an agreement.

Brussels, January 5. On Thursday last returned hither the person, who as hath been said, was lately Robbed near Beronne of his Letters and Money, as he was going Express to Madrid from hence. His Excellency the Count de Monterey, having ordered most part of the Cavalry to march towards Gelderland; hath likewise directed the respective Officers