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Vienna, December 7, N. S.

THE Hereditary Provinces have undertaken to furnish 25000 Recruits, partly in Men and partly in Money: There is a Regiment of Dragoons and two Battallions coming from Wirtemberg, and this Court will endeavour to obtain some more Troops from the Princes of the Empire. The States of Silesia have offered to furnish three Millions of Florins. M. Lazenski is in daily Conference with the Ministers for concerting the Operations of the next Campaign; and a Russian Colonel, who has been in the Emperor's Army, is to set out in a few Days for Petersbourg with the Result of those Conferences. A Commission is at last appointed to examine Count Seckendorff's Affair: Feldt Marshal Harrach is at the Head of it; General Cordua, Count Wurmbbrand, who has lately had the Command of the Imperial Troops in Flanders, M. Keller, a Councillor of War, and M. Peller, Councillor of the Chancery of Austria, are the other Members of that Commission. They are to examine that Affair with Count Seckendorff himself, after which the whole Council of War is to refer it to the Emperor, with their Opinion upon it, and his Imperial Majesty will decide the Matter. The Chevalier Zeno, the new Ambassador of Venice, arrived here the Day before Yesterday: His Predecessor the Chevalier Erizzo will remain here about fourteen Days longer.

Dresden, Dec. 11, N. S. By the last Letters from Count Rutowski we are informed, that he was arrived with the Saxon Troops under his Command at Alt Arat, beyond Temeswaer, and had escaped being attacked by the Enemy because of the great Quantity of Snow which fell in the Mountains, and hindered the Turks from coming to attack them, as they designed to do on all Sides. He writes, that the Imperial Commissaries have divided the said Saxon Troops into two Bodies, to facilitate their March. The Regiments of Horse are reduced to 60 Men able to do Service, and the Foot in Proportion.

Hague, Dec. 29, N. S. The Princess Royal and the Prince of Orange, with their whole Court, left Breda the 18th in the Morning. Their Passage from Moerdyck to Rotterdam was pretty difficult, the Wind being contrary and very high. They came to that Town about Ten in the Evening. They passed near this Place Yesterday Morning with two Yachts in their Way to Amsterdam, where they are to embark for Friesland. Count Gotskin received an Express from his Court the 18th Instant, with the News, that the Turks had abandoned the Siege of Oczakow, and he has notified the same to the States. The chief Particulars

are, That while Felt Marshal Munich was marching towards the Ukraine to put his Troops into Winter Quarters, the new Grand Vizier drew together a numerous Army towards the Neiter, and made Preparations of all necessary Stores to attack Oczakow, and having received his last Orders from the Sultan for that Expedition, detached the Seraskier Guntzy Ali-Bacha with 60000 Turks, who were joined by about 20000 Tartars. Some advanced Parties appeared before Oczakow on the 5th of October, but did nothing of Consequence; by the 10th the main Army being come up, the Place was entirely invested on the Land side, and the Turks opened their Trenches that Day, and having carried on their Approaches near to the Counterscarp, between the Town and some redoubts lately raised by the Russian Garrison on the Side of the River Liman, made a Lodgment, and posted several Thousand Men there. That Night and most Part of the Day following they fired continually with their Cannon, Mortars, and small Arms, and towards the Evening of the 11th, made a vigorous Attack upon the Counterscarp, but were repulsed, driven from their Lodgment, and forced to retire with considerable Loss. The two following Days they made new Attacks, and attempted to mount the Works by Scaling Ladders in different Places, but were beaten off every where with great Slaughter of their Men. After these Repulses, the Turks carried on their Approaches: till on the 8th of November, having sprung two Mines, they gave a general Assault with such Fury that they made their Way to the Ditch of the Town, but were repulsed by the good Conduct of Major General Stoffeln, Governor of the Place, and the Bravery of his Garrison, with such Execution, that the Night between the 9th and 10th they abandoned all their Works, Approaches and Batteries, set Fire to their Camp, and then retired so precipitately, that by the Evening of the next Day they were got above 40 Versts from the Place.

Admiralty Office, December 11, 1737.
Whereas Information has been given, That some Frauds and Abuses have been committed by a Clerk employed in paying the Pensions and Bounty Money to such Officers Widows; the Governours of that Charity, do hereby give Notice, That a Court of Assistants will meet at the Admiralty Office, on Thursday the 22d Inst. at Ten in the Morning, in order to inquire into the same. And all such Widows as have received short of the Sums ordered to be paid to them, or have sold the same before Payment, are desired to attend, and inform the said Court of what they know of that Matter, in order to the procuring what Satisfaction may be got for them; and those who live at too great a Distance to attend themselves, or for any Body in their behalf, are desired to send me an Account thereof in Writing, with orders to its being laid before the said Court.
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