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Bern, December 5, N. S.

THE late Governor of Fribourg is summoned to Vienna, and is gone thither to give an Account of his Conduct; and the French have already begun to undermine, in order to level with the Ground the Fortifications both of the Town and Castle.

Bern, Dec. 12. On the 4th Instant the Great and Little Council of this City were extraordinarily assembled, upon a Letter from the States General to the Canton of Bern in particular, desiring an Additional Number of 2400 Men, in virtue of the Alliance of 1712; and Yesterday the Debate thereon was resumed, and lasted from Eight in the Morning till Three in the Afternoon, when the Augmentation was agreed to.

Petersbourg, Dec. 8. This Day the Right Hon. the Earl of Hyndford, his Britannick Majesty's Minister, arrived here.

Florence, Dec. 8, N. S. The Spanish Troops remain in the Towns of Foligno, Assisi, and Perugia, in which they intend to fix their Winter Quarters: The Austrians winter in Fano, Pesaro and Rimini. The Grand Duke's Troops are partly returned to Florence, in order to repair to Prato, and the rest are returning into their ancient Garrison of the Capital, being actually in March for that Purpose. General Brettwitz is expected this Evening from Arezzo. The Spaniards have given Assurances to this Regency, that they will scrupulously observe the Neutrality as to Tuscany.

Oporto, Dec. 15. We hear from Galicia, that a Draught of 25 Men per Company hath been made from the Regiment of Lisbon at the Groine, and that they are directed to hold themselves ready for the first Orders, which it was generally believed would be to march to Barcelona, in order to proceed to Italy, as no Ships appear for their Transportation: That the Captain General had issued the necessary Orders for levying every fifth Man, which was executing with great Strictness, and occasioned so much Uneasiness, that Deputies had been sent to Ma-

drid to remonstrate to the King, in the Name of the Province, the deplorable Condition to which it would be reduced by the draining it of so many of its Inhabitants, at a Time when it was loaded with Taxes to an insupportable Degree, and had parted with such a Number of Men as it had already given since the Commencement of the War.

Vienna, Dec. 19, N. S. By the last Letters from Silesia we learn, that General Keil was with 4000 Foot at Oderburg waiting for the Insurgents, of whom a Body of 2 or 300, at a little Town called Pleiss, have been made Prisoners for Want of a proper Discipline on their Part, and through the Intelligence which the Prussians had with some Sectarys of all Sorts, which the King of Prussia had settled in that Place. The Hungarians had not so much as an ordinary Guard at the Gates of the Town, when the Prussians were let in by the new Inhabitants abovementioned.

Vienna, Dec. 22, N. S. A great Body of Prussian Troops being come from Silesia by Greiffenberg and Friedland, to disengage the Garrison of Prague, the Chevalier de Saxe was no longer in a Condition to hinder their Escape. The Ulans however took a great deal of Baggage, as also six Cannon from them, and made about an Hundred Men and Ten Officers Prisoners. Above a Thousand Deserters came to the Chevalier de Saxe's Camp, where it was reckon'd that not a Third of the Garrison of Prague gained the Frontiers of Silesia.

Vienna, Dec. 22, N. S. General Berenclau is Master of the chief Posts upon the Danube. We are intent here on saving the Empire, which is under the most horrible Oppression. The Prussians are incamped in Silesia, between Grotkaw and Olali, near Breslau, and the Prince lies with his Army at Liegenhalls. General Marwitz is retired from Troppau and Jagendorf towards Ratibor to join the King. We have Upper Silesia free. The Insurgents are at Odersberg.

Vienna, Dec. 26, N. S. The Prussians, to the Number of 4 or 5000, from Monsterberg, having attempted to dislodge Colonel St. André, who