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Venice, Dec. 23.

Signor *Quirini*, Ambassador for this State at the Part, hath at his earnest instance, obtained leave to return hither; and in the mean time the Senate is about making choice of his Successor. Notwithstanding our last Letters from *Cornwall* assured us, that the Plague was wholly ceased there, yet our Magistrates have not thought fit to take off the Quarantine, which the Ships which come from thence are obliged to make, though instead of six weeks, the term is only now fifteen days. Our Letters from the Port tell us, That the Grand Signior, who had been some time in *Silistria*, to bring his Forces together against next Spring, when he intended to have fallen into *Poland*, was returned to *Adrianople*, very much surprized to hear that that Crown had prevented him, in beginning first an offensive War, and in a season so much advanced; that to add to the disorder this unexpected march of the Poles had put the affairs of the Turks in, They had advice that the Hospodars of *Moldavia* and *Walachia* were about quitting their Interests, and putting themselves under the protection of the Poles, which will be a great blow to them in this Conjunction.

Warsaw, Dec. 16. Our Letters now tell us, That the Crown-General *Sobieski* will not come hither, to be present at the Election, but will continue on the Frontiers, where his presence is more necessary to have an eye upon the actions of the Enemy; and besides, his Friends are of opinion, that while he is thus taking care of the affairs of the Kingdom, his presence to the Crown may succeed the better. The said General has sent some Troops under the Command of the Crown-Standard-bearer into *Walachia*, the better to secure that Countrey in their Allegiance to this Crown; and has quartered another part of his Forces round about *Caminiec*, and by that means so straightly beset the place, that not any Provisions can be brought into it; The Turks hereupon have quitted *Jaslowic*, and are retired into the *Ukrain*, and our Troops have taken possession of it; The General hath likewise sent a good body of Men into the *Ukrain*, who are to lye at *Mezibor* to observe the Turks on that side; the rest of our Forces are put into their winter Quarters near *Lemburg*. We are in great hopes that this approaching Election will be carried on without any disorder, all persons agreeing in this, That it extremely concerns the welfare of the Kingdom, that they have a King as soon as may be. The Corps of the late King are brought into the Castle, where it lies exposed on a Bed of State in the most solemn manner, constantly attended by several of the Nobility, and the late servants to his Majesty.

Hambourg, Dec. 29. Our Letters from *Denmark* tell us, That that Crown had used several endeavors to oppose the Treaty now lately concluded between the King of *Sweden* and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, but finding they had been without effect, his Majesty of

Denmark now desires to be admitted into that Alliance, which the States-General of the *United Provinces* hinder as much as possibly they can, and as we are told offer a monthly Subsidy of 45000 Crowns per month, to draw his Majesty to embrace their party. In *Germany* preparations are every where making for War; the Emperor is raising of Men, the several Circles are bringing their Forces into the Field against Spring; The Elector of *Bavaria*, jealous of the proceedings of the Emperor, reinforces his Troops, and hath commanded these he has now on foot, to march towards his Frontiers. From *Stockholme* we have advice, That the King was returned thither, and that the Inhabitants of that place, to express their joy for his Majesties recovery, had made him a publick Reception; That the Regency has positively resolved to have this Spring a considerable Army together in their Territories in *Germany*, to act with them, as may be most necessary for the restoring of Peace to the Empire. The Dutch are making of Levies in all these parts.

Rothbome, Dec. 26. The States of the Empire assembled here; having upon the Receipt of the Emperors approbation of their late resolution concerning the General Arming, resolved, That the several Officers which were formerly chosen to command the Forces of the Ten Circles, should repair thither against the Twentieth of *February* next, the Bishop of *Munster*, the Imperial Commissioner, hath accordingly dispatched his Letters to the several persons concerned, to give them notice hereof. It is confidently said, That the Elector of *Saxony* will assist the Emperor with 4000 Men, and besides, That he hath permitted Levies to be made in his Territories for his Imperial Majesty. The Emperor hath put some Troops into several places on the Frontiers of the *Upper Bavaria*. The Elector, has caused his Forces to march, to secure his own Territories.

Vienna, Dec. 27. His Imperial Majesty, considering the great age of the Count de *Montecuculi*, has, it is said, given him leave to quit the Command of his Forces, for which his Imperial Majesty, according to the general opinion, has designed the Prince of *Baden Dourlach*; The new Levies are to consist of Fifteen thousand Men, and are carrying on with great diligence; The several Circles of the Empire will likewise have their Forces on foot in the Spring, but how they will act with them is as yet a question. From *Turky* we have advice, that that Court was much troubled at the news they had received of the defeat of their Forces by the Poles; that the Grand Signior had given Orders to repair this loss, for the bringing all his Forces together, and their marching towards *Poland*, but that the Plague which rages extremely among them, hinders very much the execution of these Orders.

Amsterdam, Jan. 5. Here, as well as at other places, hath been published a Placæet, by which all the Capers that are at present abroad, are commanded to return home before the first of *March* next. The French have quitted *Hartem*; the Garrison that was there, having drawn out from thence on Saturday last; and it is likewise reported, that the Enemy will quit *Hassel*, *Swart-*
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