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Rome, Jan. 13.

THe Pope having on Christmas Eve Consecrated a Sword and Helmet, sends, as is said, to send the same as a great Present to the Marschal *Sobieski* of Poland, though others suppose, it will be kept for the new King. The Pope continues very strong and vigorous to the great joy of this Court.

Strasbourg, Jan. 14.

Their Majesties are gone to pass some time at *Lipsbach*, two Leagues from hence, and from thence intend to pass to *Upsal*, where is the most famous University of this Kingdom, and will not be back here till the middle of the next month; In the mean time the Senators are all gone to their Countrey Houses, so that there is at present a vacancy of all publick business. The *Sieur Bonde* is nominated to go Envoy to his most Christian Majesty, and the *Sieur Wangelin* is arrived from Berlin with the late defensive Treaty concluded with the Elector of *Brandenburg*, the Ratifications of which are to be exchanged within two months after the date of it.

Venice, Jan. 19.

By a Vessel from *Palazzo* we have advice, That the Grand Signior being very much concerned for the late disgrace of his Arms, has resolved to redeem it by a vigorous prosecution of the War against the Crown of *Poland* this approaching Summer, and in order therunto has sent directions to the several Governours of Provinces, to raise what Men they can, and to provide proportionable stores of all kind of Provisions for them; But the affairs of that Empire seem at present very much perplexed, as home are many dissatisfactions against the Government, and the People greatly oppressed by heavy Taxations, and more by means of the Plague, which in a most deplorable manner has raged amongst them all this last year. From *Naples* we have advice that the Viceroy of that Kingdom raises several Troops there, which about the middle of *February* will be embarked in order to their passage to *Catalonia*, to form a Body of an Army, with which the Spaniards intend to act against the French. We have of late had very bad weather.

Vienna, Jan. 20.

Several Councils of War have been of late held here, concerning the preparations to be made against the next Campaign, when the Emperor resolves to have a very considerable Army in the Field; In the mean time the Moneys come from *Spain* and *Holland* are distributed for the advancing the Levies; and the Troops which were quartered in the Hereditary Countreys, are ordered to march towards *Bohemia*, and the Frontiers of *Bavaria*, with intention to oblige that Elector to give a Categorical answer to what has been proposed to him on the part of the Emperor, which his Electoral Highness has hitherto refused to do; declaring however at the same time, that he would maintain a Neutrality, but that it seems will not satisfy this Court. We are told that the Crown of *Spain* has offered to pay the Emperor 100000 Crowns per month, for these three months to come, and afterwards 50000 Crowns every month; and that the States General offer the like sum, the better to enable the Empe-

ror to prosecute the War. The Turkish Chians, who is on his way hither, comes, as is said, to renew the present Treaties between the two Empires for ten years longer; provided, the Emperor will not assist the Poles in the present War. For the better settlement of the affairs of *Hungary*, the Emperor has permitted the Protestants the free exercise of their Religion.

Frankfort, Jan. 22.

The difference between the Elector Palatine and the Elector of *Mayence*, concerning the *Battage* and Castle of *Boeckelheim*, has hitherto been managed by the Pen only; either Party having by large Manifests endeavored to make appear their Right and Propriety, without shewing the least inclination to come to Arms, especially in the present Conjunction; and some add, that both Parties have referred the business to the determination of the Emperor. The Troops of *Saxony* begin to come very near us, and we were in pain least they should come to lodge in the Territories of this Republick; but they have taken their way towards the *Lower Rhine*, but that Countrey being in a very good posture, to excuse giving them Quarters, it is thought they will be forced to march on towards *Westphalia* to seek Quarters; our advices tell us, that these are extraordinary good Troops, but used to good Quarters, the want of which will very much incommode them.

Strasbourg, Jan. 22.

The Elector of *Mayence* and the Elector Palatine having referred to the Emperor, the decision of the difference between them concerning some part of the Estate of the late Duke of *Simmern*, has frustrated the hope of those who desired to see these two Places engaged in Arms, and new troubles in the Empire. In *Alsatia* the French are raising two Regiments of Horse, and we are told that the Levies advance apace. The Imperial Minister at the Court of *Bavaria* presses his Electoral Highness with great earnestness, to declare himself concerning the part he intends to take in the present Conjunction; till when the Imperial Troops will continue on the Frontiers of *Bavaria*, not without giving great jealousy to the Elector. It is confidently said that the Emperor will come in person to *Egypt* and reside there for some short time in the Spring, to hasten the preparations for the Campaign; The Marquis *de Vaurban* is on his march in *Alsatia*, to hinder the passage, as is said, of some Imperial Troops who are designed for the *Franche Comte*. We have advice, that the Emperor is sending 2000 Men to reinforce the Garrisons of *Sickingen*, *Lausenburg*, *Rhinfelder*, and *Waldsbul*, on the River *Rhine*.

Cologne, Jan. 30.

From *Liege* they write, that the Baron *d'Issala* is still there, though without being able to effect any thing; That in revenge thereof the Spaniards have prohibited all communication between *Liege* and *Namur* by water; That the Chapter of *Liege* have desired the French to quit *Museyk* and *Tongres*, but had not as yet received any answer. Here is a report that the Sickness is amongst the Imperialists at *Bon*; and that for that reason the Marquis *de Grana* is come hither. Three days since arrived here the Landgrave.