

*Leghorn, Dec. 7.* By Letters received here directly from Constantinople, we are informed, that some severe Shocks of an Earthquake have been lately felt in that City, and at Adrianople; and that the Damage caused thereby, particularly at Adrianople, are almost beyond Conception, whole Streets of Houses, and some beautiful Mosques, having been entirely destroyed thereby, and Numbers of the Inhabitants buried under the Ruins. The same Letters add, that there has been a great Scarcity of Coffee at Constantinople, the contrary Winds having prevented the Arrival of the Levant Ships; of which an Armenian, and two Jewish Merchants, had taken the Advantage, and raised that Commodity to an excessive high Price. This Proceeding so violently enraged the common People, that the Grand Visier was absolutely obliged to cause those three Merchants to be apprehended and put to Death before he could appease them.

*Florence, Dec. 9.* Prince Esterhasi, Ambassador from their Imperial Majesties to the Court of Naples, arrived here on Thursday last from Rome, accompanied by his Spouse, and his two Nephews, and followed by a numerous Retinue. Their Excellencies went immediately to an Apartment provided for them in the Palace; and, as their Stay will be but short, they are entertained every Day by one or other of the Members of the Regency. 'Tis said that some new Plans, for the Improvement of our Commerce, will be brought on the Carpet soon after the Return of Count Richecourt from Vienna.

*Dusseldorf, Dec. 24.* We are informed by our last Letters from Bonn, that the Elector of Cologne is preparing for a Journey to Munich; and 'tis said the Persons, who are to attend his Highness in that Journey, are already named. General Trips, who arrived here some Time ago, in order to assist at the Assembly of the States of Juliers and Burghues, set out from hence a few Days ago for his Seat in the Neighbourhood of Aix-la-Chapelle.

*Brussels, Dec. 25.* Count Caunitz-Rittberg is daily expected here from Paris: It is believed he will stay here about a Fortnight, and then proceed on his Journey to Vienna. The high Duties that are at present fixed on Tobacco and Spirituous Liquors in this Country, having greatly diminished the Consumption thereof, 'tis said an Ordonnance will soon be published for taking off a fourth Part of those Duties.

*Hague, Jan. 1.* Last Friday her Royal Highness the Princess Governante went, at the Head of the Council of State, to the Assembly of the States General, and laid before them the State of War for the Year 1753; on which Occasion M. Beelarts, Deputy to the said Council, on the Part of the Province of Holland, made an elegant Speech to that Assembly. We hear that the drawing of the Lottery of Obligations, which was agreed to by the States of Holland and Westfrizeland on the 4th of October last, will

begin on Monday the 22d Instant. They write from Amsterdam, that six Ships belonging to different Chambers of the East India Company of those Provinces, put to Sea from the Texel on Tuesday last, one for Bengal, one for Ceylon and four for Batavia.

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