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Constantinople, December 16.

THE contagious Distemper, which broke out some Time since in this City, is now entirely ceased. Letters from Aleppo of the 13th of November say, that they had received Advice from Bassora, that Solyman Pascha, of that Place and Bagdat, had received the Sword and Sable Furr, sent by the Grand Signor, for his Victory gained over the Courds, and a full Confirmation of all the Governments he holds, or has held. They had received Advices from Banderuck at Bassora, which confirmed that Kherim Chaan, who had hitherto governed at Ispahan for some Time, had been twice vanquished by Azaat Chan, an Ophgoon, who has declared himself in Favour of one Schach Sultan Hussein, returned lately from Russia, where, it is said, he lay long concealed, and now gives himself for the Son of the late Schach Tamas: He governs, for the present, Ispahan and the adjacent Countries. Cherim Khan fled from thence, to attempt to seize Schiraz; but that Governor, who had submitted to him whilst he was at Ispahan, refusing him Admittance, he has laid Siege to it. Other Advices concerning this Schach Hussein say, that though he has mentioned in his Manifest, his Arrival from Russia, it is certain, he was for a considerable Time at Bagdat, with the Persian Ambassador Mustapha Khan, who was intended for this Court, and since that he has appeared in several Forms in the Kingdom of Persia; but we are without any certain Advice of his Success, without this from Bassora can be depended on.

Lisbon, Jan. 6. The Court having received repeated Advice of some Corsairs from the Coast of Africa being cruizing in the Mouth of the Tagus, and that they have actually taken several of our Fishing-Vessels, Orders were given for two Men of War to sail immediately in Quest of them. Two Ships accordingly put to Sea Yesterday Morning, and 'tis not doubted but that they will soon clear the Coast of this Kingdom from those Pyrates.

Genoa, Jan. 7. Advice having been received at Court, that several armed Vessels were

put to Sea from Tunis, in order to cruize in the Sardinian Sea, Orders are given for manning two of our Chebecks, which are to be stationed in such Manner as to protect the Navigation of this Coast from the Insults of those Pyrates.

Rome, Jan. 12. The Pope having appointed M. Buono to be Auditor and M. Perelli to be Treasurer of the Apostolick Chamber, they took the usual Oaths on Monday last, before the Secretary of State, to qualify themselves for their respective Employments. Within these few Days past all the Beggars in this City have been taken into Custody by the Pope's express Order; those capable of Business are to be sent to Anzio, to work at the new Port which is making there.

Florence, Jan. 18. The King of the Two Sicilies has issued fresh Orders to forbid all Commerce between his Subjects and the Island of Malta, to seize the Effects belonging to that Order within his Dominions, and to sequester the Commanderies that belong to the Knights of that Order, who do not reside in his State. This is done in Consequence of the repeated Refusal which the Order of Malta has given to admit a Royal Visitation of the Cathedral and Bishoprick of Malta, which his Sicilian Majesty claims a Right to send at his Pleasure. As this Affair interests the Order of Malta where-ever dispersed, it has occasioned great Alarm, and has been generally disapproved of at Rome; from whence Orders have been sent all over the Ecclesiastical State, to supply the Island of Malta with Provisions, though it will be very inconvenient and dangerous for the Maltese to be obliged to go so much farther for all the common Necessaries of Life, which they used to be furnished with from Sicily. By Letters received Yesterday from Leghorn we have Advice, that the Day before a Tunefine Corsair, of 28 Guns and 350 Men, was forced into that Port by bad Weather. The said Corsair had made many Prizes in these Seas, which were sent to Tunis. This is the second Corsair that has taken Shelter in the Port of Leghorn within these few Days; every Instance of which gives great Disturbance to the Commerce of it, by the Alarm

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