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Constantinople, November 16.

THE Fears of the Inhabitants of this City, on Account of the late Earthquakes, being in a great Measure ceas'd, they are now very busy in making good, not only the Damages occasioned thereby, but likewise from the late Fires. The Captain Bahaw is returned with his Squadron of Men of War from the Islands of the Archipelago, and has brought with him the Annual Tribute paid by the Inhabitants of those Islands to the Grand Signior; since which he has had a private Audience of the Sultan, who is highly pleas'd with the Manner in which he executed his Orders.

Rome, Dec. 3. On the 18th of last Month the French Ambassador began to pay his Visits to the College of Cardinals, and the next Day the Pope gave Audience to the Ambassadors at the Nunnery of the Orsolines. They have fix'd Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Evenings of every Week for Assemblies at their Palace. On the 20th, Cardinal Portocarrero had an Audience of the Pope, in Consequence of the Dispatches he had received from his Court by an extraordinary Courier, whom, on the 27th, he sent back to Spain with the Pope's Answer. The same Day arriv'd here from Paris, Cardinal Durini, the late Pope's Nuncio at the French Court, who is this Day to make his publick Entry into this City. On the 24th was held for the first Time, at the Great Hall of the Campidoglio, an Academy of Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture, for the Improvement of the Students, at which fourteen Cardinals, many Prelates, and several of the Nobility, were present, when suitable Prizes were distributed to the most distinguished and deserving Students in those Arts. On the 28th, the Neapolitan Minister had a long Conference with the Secretary of State, to communicate to him the Commissions from his Court.

Naples, Dec. 3. In Conformity to a Resolution for putting the Marine of this Kingdom on a good Footing, they are hard at Work on four new Gallies, which 'tis thought will be ready to be launched by the Beginning of next Summer. Towards the End of last Month several Merchant Ships were lost by tempestuous Weather upon the Coast of Calabria, and in the Seas of Sicily.

Florence, Dec. 6. On the 26th past, Count Richcourt return'd here from Pisa, from whence he had been to visit the new Road of Leghorn. On the 30th a Picket of Soldiers, with the Corporal of the first Tuscan Regiment, desert'd when on Duty at one of the Gates of this City. On the 1st Instant, Count Richcourt, with the Fiscal, went to visit the publick Buildings of the Criminal Court and common Prisons, in order to chuse a proper Place for the Tribunal and the Prisons of the Inquisition, agreeable to the new Regulation lately agreed upon with the Court of Rome.

Stockholm, Dec. 7. Such prodigious Quantities of Snow have fallen in the Western Provinces of this Kingdom within these few Days past, that it lies five or six Feet deep; this occasions the Arrival of the Posts and Couriers to be very uncertain, as they are often oblig'd to go many Miles about for fear of the Precipices, which the Snow, in several Places, prevents their seeing.

Dantzick, Dec. 7. The great Quantities of Corn that have been lately exported from hence to Spain, Portugal and France, have considerably rais'd the Price of that Commodity; and 'tis expected, as we had but indifferent Crops last Year, that the Price will still encrease.

Warsaw, Dec. 12. On Monday next the Court sets out on their Return to Saxony; their Majesties propose taking the Road of Posenia and Pforten, and to reach Dresden by the 21st Instant.

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