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Constantinople, October 17.

**T**HE late great Fire has done immense Damage, and its bad Effects are universally felt. Numbers have not the Means of rebuilding their Houses, which will become daily more visible on the Approach of Winter. M. Schwachheim, the Imperial Resident, has received the Empress's Presents for the Grand Signor, and assumed the Character of Inter-Nuncio, which he has notified in Form to the Porte, and to the Foreign Ministers; and he will soon have his Audiences of the Grand Signor and Vizir. M. Ludolf, the Neopolitan Envoy Extraordinary, had his Audience of the Vizir Yesterday; and on Tuesday he will have that of the Grand Signor, to compliment that Monarch on his Accession to the Throne.

Turin, Nov. 17. This being the Anniversary of her Royal Highness the Dutchess of Savoy's Birth-Day, the King, and the rest of the Royal Family, received the Compliments of the Foreign Ministers, and of the Nobility, as usual, at the Venetie. On Saturday last died, after a tedious Illness, the Comte St. Laurent, Secretary of State for Domestick Affairs.

Hamburgh, Nov. 19. The Day before Yesterday, the Magistrates of Hamburgh proceeded to the Election of a Senator, in the Room of M. Amsinck, who was seized at the Stadthouse with a Fit of Apoplexy on the 8th of this Month, of which he died two Days after, and the Choice fell upon the Sieur Tamm, one of the most considerable Bankers of this City.

Florence, Nov. 20. On the 10th instant anchored at Leghorne, a French Prize laden with Cotton, Wooll, and other Goods from the Levant, valued at about 8000 Dollars, taken by Captain Wright, of the St. George Privateer, being the fifth Capture he has made since his Departure from Leghorne. We have received Advice from Corsica, that on the 2d Instant 4000 French Troops landed on that Island, and immediately took Possession of the Harbours and Fortresses of Ajaccio, Calvi, and St. Fiorenzo; on Notice of which, the Chiefs of the Malecontents had forbid, under severe Penalties, their People to furnish the French with any Sort of Provisions.

Dresden, Nov. 28. The Prussians, in order to keep off the Enemy's Irregular Troops from making Incurfions into Saxony, have made Ditches ten Ells broad and five Ells deep; and by laying Trees a-crofs, they have made a Sort of Barricadoc. They are also repairing the Fortifications of this City, and forming a considerable Magazine; and all Provisions and Forrages delivered by the Country People for the Use of the said Magazine, is paid for in ready Money.

[ Price Two-Pence. ]

St. James's, December 7.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Pitt, Esq; to be one of His Principal Secretaries of State, the Oath of Secretary of State was this Day administered to him in Council.

War-Office, Nov. 30, 1756.

**W**HEREAS it has been represented to the King, that there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Corps in His Majesty's Service; His Majesty hoping, that such Deserters may be hereby induced to return to their Duty, and that this Instance of His Clemency will have a due Influence on their future Behaviour, is pleased to grant His most Gracious Pardon to all Deserters from His Majesty's Land Forces, who shall surrender themselves on or before the last Day of January next to the respective Corps to which they belong; or who shall within the same Time surrender themselves to any other Corps in His Majesty's Service, to the Intent, they may either be sent to their proper Corps, or serve in any other, according as His Majesty may be pleased to direct; this Pardon not to extend to any Persons now in actual Custody for their Desertion, nor to such, who may at any Time before the said last Day of January next, be apprehended or challenged as Deserters, unless upon their being so apprehended or challenged, they do immediately make known the Corps from which they have deserted.

And whereas several of the said Deserters may have enlisted in other Corps, and be now serving therein, His Majesty is likewise graciously pleased to grant His Pardon to all such Offenders, (not being in actual Custody for the same) and also to declare, It is His Royal Intention, that they shall continue to serve in the Corps in which they now are, without being molested or reclaimed by the Officers of the respective Corps to which they did formerly belong.

By His Majesty's Command,  
BARRINGTON.

Navy Office, Dec. 2, 1756.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, That there is in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Navy, Money to pay off all Bills register'd on the Course of the Navy, in the Month of June 1756, in order that the Proprietors of, or such Persons as are legally empowered to receive the said Bills, may bring them to this Office to be assigned for Payment accordingly.

Victualling Office, June 8, 1756.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, That on Friday the 18th of February 1757, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to receive Proposals from such Persons as may be inclinable to contract for the Supplying His Majesty's Ships at Jamaica with fresh Beef, for the Terms