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THE Nobility of Lithuania, who according to the common Usage of holding the General Dyets alternately in Poland and in Lithuania, demanded to have it meet this time at Grodno, having at last, in consideration of the present juncture of Affairs, consented that it shall be held at *Warsaw*, the King has given Orders for the sending out the usual Summons, and has fixed the 20th of February for the opening of the Dyet; His Majesty intends to remain here till the beginning of that Month; and then will retire to *Warsaw*. The news of the Moscovites having fallen into Lithuania is confirmed; The Troops that made this Invasion were of the Garrisons of *Smolensko* and *Kiovia*, and they have plundered and burnt a great many Villages. It is said the King has with the advice of the Senators, and here resolved to send an Ambassador to the *Ceas of Muscovy* to complain of these Hostilities, and to Endeavour to Adjust amicably the Differences that are depending between the two Nations. The last week arrived here an Envoy from the King of *Fatary*, but has not yet had Audience of the King; he is said he comes to offer the Kings Mediation for the Re-establishing a Peace between this Crown and the Part. The King we are assured, intends to be very early in the Field the next Summer; and the Officers have Orders to recruit their Troops, which were very much weakened by the last Campagne, the continual Rains having caused Sickneses among them, of which a great many dyed. The Crown-Generall is now at *Leopol*, where the Commissioners are still assembled for the distribution of the Winter Bread, and the regulating divers matters concerning the Winter Quarters. The Ambassador of *Venice* who had leave to return home, has received Orders to stay till the Dyet be over.

Rome, Dec. 9. The Pope continues to be very much indisposed with the Gout, which has kept him in his Bed these three weeks, during which time he has not given Audience to any of the Foreign Ministers, which is the reason that the Senator *Francisco Brignole*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Republick of *Genova*, has not yet seen his Holiness, but has had several Conferences with Cardinal *Cibo* his first Minister. The five Gallies which are returned to *Civita Vecchia* are in a very ill condition, having lost above 500 Men by sickness, and suffered a great deal by bad weather since they left the Venecian Fleet. The Count *de Grassi*, who commanded a Company of Foot on board one of

these Gallies, dyed at *Genova*. The Pope has given Orders to all his Ambassadors, and intended to add in others to them, such as were to be sent to *Vienna*, Dec. 26. The last Letters from *Dalmatia* informed us, that the Troops of the Republick have possessed themselves of the Island *Marenta*, a maritime Castle of *Naxos* where they found a considerable quantity of Provisions; That the Banditti of *Naxos* that were in the Army, did behave themselves very well in this occasion; And that a great many Greeks of that Neighborhood had thereupon taken Arms and joined the Venetian Troops. That the Proveditor-General *Salier* having all ready held a Council of War, the General Officers were all of opinion, that the Season was too far advanced to undertake any farther action, and that thereupon the said Proveditor-General had resolved to put the Troops into Winter-Quarters. The last Letters from Captain-General *Marsina* gave an account, that he had sent greatest part of the Fleet to *Cosus* to Winter there; but that he himself remained at *Prevesa* to give the necessary Orders for the fortifying that place. Signior *Molino* continued according to our last advices with the Ships under his Command in the *Archipelago*. The Sieur *Amelon* the French Ambassador has taken his leave of the Senate, and will part from hence the next week. The Senate have made choice of Signior *Frederick Cornaro* to go to *Venice* in quality of Ambassador from the Republick. The Duke of *Salerno* is very suddenly expected here; It is said the Senate have resolved to raise three Regiments of Germans; and that they will give the Commands of them to some of the Sons of the said Duke. *Vienna, Dec. 14.* Cardinal *Dowick* the Popes Nuncio at this Court hath assured the Emperor, that the Pope is endeavouring to raise a great sum to assist him, and the other Princes engaged in the present War, in which his Holiness is resolved if there be occasion, to employ the Treasurers of the Church; At the same time the Ministers here are labouring to find out the means of raising a sum of Money, proportionable to the present exigency of Affairs, and have sent Orders to all the Treasurers or Receivers of his Imperial Highnesses Revenues in his Hereditary Countries to repair hither, that they may consult with them upon this Subject. The Prince *de Lobomisk* departed from hence the last week for *Polen*; to be present at the Dyet of that Kingdom; The Regiment he brought into the Emperors Service are broken, and instead thereof his Imperial Majesty has given him a Regiment of German Horse. The Turks have not demolished *Faticia*, as was reported; but have put a good Garrison into it, looking upon it as a place of much importance to them for the securing