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Venice, Octob. 31.

This week we receive Letters from Constantinople of the 10th past, by which we understand, that the Grand Signior had undertaken to begin his journey the 20th of the same month, towards Adra, where he is intended to winter. By a Letter arriv'd from Malta, we have advice, that that Island was now perfectly free of the Plague; some time before now one person had died of any pestilential distemper. It is reckoned that in all there have died this Summer of the Plague 3000 persons, being the death of the Inhabitants of that Island; though they are not all of the ordinary sort, there having only death of 1000 Knights of the Order that are there. By a Vessel arriv'd from Sicily, we have Letters which say that the French Fleet was returned to Messina.

Paris, Nov. 6. Our advices from Sicily this week contradict what was writ by the last Ordinary, for it is now affirmed that the French still keep a good Garrison at Messina, and that they have designs of fortifying it. The Marquis de Castelbarco the Viceroy of Sicily continues his residence at Catania, and has summoned as is said all the Barons of the Kingdom to repair thither to his assistance. That the Sieur Bracamonte, General of the Spanish Horse, after having reinforced the Garrison of Catania, was gone to Carantino.

Madrid, Nov. 4. Yesterday their Majesties returned thither from the Escorial. Don Hernando de K. Don Juan Marquis de Villa Siera is made Grande of Spain, and declared first Minister. Orders have been sent to the Count de Melhar to continue at Rome, in quality of Extraordinary Ambassador of this Crown, till the arrival of the Marquis de Liche, who will not begin his journey thither till Spring. The Cardinal Nitard is made Archbishop of Palermo. The King, it is said, has resolved to take a journey to Saragusa in Arragon to swear the conservation of the Priviledges of that Kingdom.

Francfort, Nov. 9. We begin to think here that the Luxemburg and the other Confederate Troops commanded by the Duke of Zell will not do any thing this year, but onely take their Winter-quarters with the most conveniency they can; as for the design it is said they have upon Duxpouit, we cannot look upon it as likely to succeed, seeing the winter season is so far advanced, and that the Marechal Crequi has put a very good Garrison into it; as to the Imperial Army, we are assured by our last Letters from Basle, that the Duke of Lorraine having received the necessary orders he expected from Vienna, was going to put the said Forces into their Winter-quarters, and that the instances made by the Suisse Cantons had had that effect upon him, as to divert him from the design it is said he had to pass the Rhine at Rhinfeld. The Emperors marriage with the Princess of Neubourg will be celebrated the 9th of December at Passau; to which the Emperor has sent to invite the Elector of Bavaria, with the other Princes of the Empire. Since the news of the Peace between the

Turks and the Poles, there have been some reports, though we know not upon what ground they are raised, as if the former would now turn towards Hungary, and give the Emperor some disturbance on that side; but our Letters from Vienna are so far from making any mention hereof, that on the contrary they say that the Emperor and his Ministers do not in the least apprehend any trouble from the Ottomans, having good reason to rest assured of the friendship of the Port; and besides it is said, that the affairs of the Turks are not at present in a very good condition, and that they are wearied with War, having notwithstanding their numerous Armies not been able to reap any advantage by that they have now disingaged themselves of with Poland.

Ratisbonne, Nov. 10. The 6th instant the Count Kinshy, one of the Imperial Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty at Nimcgue, parted from Prague in Bohemia on his journey thither. The several instances that have been made to the Elector of Bavaria in order to the engaging him to join his Forces with those of the other Princes of the Empire, have not hitherto had any effect, his Electoral Highness still declaring that as he cannot depart from the Neutrality he hath hitherto observed in this War, so he will most readily employ his utmost endeavors towards the procuring a general Peace. From Vienna they write, that a great Ambassador was expected there from the Port, and that he was already on his journey, but that his business was not known. The Rebels in Hungary assemble again in strong parties, and seem to be in expectation of some assistance from abroad, which if it appear they do with any ground promise themselves from the Turks; the Count Disfigor will it is said be sent Ambassador to the Grand Signior to renew the Treaties and Capitulations between his Imperial Majesty and the Port. The Duke of Neuburg will recruit his Troops against the next Campagne.

Copenhagen, Nov. 10. It may be well imagined that we are at present in some disorder here, upon the news we receive that the Swedes came yesterday with a strong Body to Helsingburg; and immediately possessed themselves of the Town, but the Cattle still holds out. It seems the Swedes having amused our Forces with different marches, and by that means kept them uncertain of what they intended, divided their Army into three Bodies, the one of 8000 men, commanded by the King of Sweden in person came to Helsingburg, while the second Body of the like number remained for a reserve, and that a third of 4000 was sent towards Malmoe, to relieve that place, which we fear they have effected. Yesterday our King was encamped with his Army, which is not above 13000 strong at Landstroom, from whence it is said his Majesty would march this morning towards Helsingburg. This night 3000 Seamen will be sent hence over into Schonen, and the Garrison of this place will follow to reinforce our King. It is said that Prince George with 2000 Horse has had an ill Rencontre with the Swedes, of which we know not as yet the particulars, which you may expect in our next, with a certain account of what has passed in Schonen.