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Naples, Decemb. 15.

Here is arrived from Palermo Prince Ludovisio, General of the Galleys of that Kingdom, and has given our Viceroy an ample account of the state things are in there, viz. That the people continuall possessed of the several Bastions of the City, and of the Magazines, though at the same time they expell all duty and obedience to the King, and declare that their only design is to secure themselves against all contrivances of the Enemy, and to keep themselves from falling into their hands; but these are fair pretences, of which time can only manifest the reality. The weather continuing very tempestuous, our Viceroy has ordered the Troops which were already embarked, in order to their transportation to Melazzo, to march by Land to Reggio, from whence the passage to Melazzo is very short. Our last Letters from thence advised that the Marquis de Castel Rodrigo, Viceroy of Sicily is about fortifying Cagliari, situate between Catania and Melazzo, for the better maintaining a communication between these two places, as well as to hinder the incursions which the Enemy might otherwise make into those parts. The Duke de Vivonne, as we are informed, has caused the Scaterra to be demolished, at which, it is said here, the Messineses are not well furnished.

Venice, Decemb. 26. We have not only the confirmation of the death of the Grand Visier, but are farther informed that the Grand Signior had conferred that charge upon a Favourite of his, who being young, and without experience, was very much concerned by the Ba's, who have been bred up in the publick affairs, and are therefore much offended to see so young a man preferred before them; which may have ill consequences, especially seeing the Janissaries are already very much dissatisfied, and would be ready to contribute to a change in the Government. The Duke of Mantua is at present in this City, to take part of the divertisements of the se son.

Madrid, Decemb. 16. We are told that orders have been sent to the Presidents of the several Councils, requiring them to repair to the first Minister of State as often as he shall call upon them, to assist him as there shall be occasion, only the President of Castile and the Vicechancellor of Arragon are excepted. We are assured that the necessary orders have been dispatched for the remitting two Millions of Crowns to Flanders, severall Bills of Exchange have been already sent away, and that the rest will follow, by the next Ordinary. It is said likewise that a considerable Sum of Moneys is or will be suddenly sent to the Governor of Milan, to be employed in the making of Levies for the service of Sicily. The Baron de Bergeyck is appointed to pass into Eng'land, and to reside there, with the Character of Envoy Extraordinary. Here is lately arrived in this Court, an Envoy from the Elector of Brandenburg, and another from the Bishop of Osnabrug. Some days since died here the Count of Pignatenda, leaving by his death the place of President of the Council of Italy vacant, to which appear several

Pretenders. It is reported for certain that we shall have the next Summer a Fleet of 40 Men of War at Sea, and that in order thereto 20 Men of War will be brought up in Holland. Here is some discourse as if endeavors were using to reconcile Don Juan of Austria, and to bring him to Court.

Straelsund, Decemb. 25. Yesterday arrived here a Galiot from Østfold in Schonen, being sent on purpose with Letters from the King of Sueden to our Governor Count Coningsmarke, to inform him of the Victory lately obtained by his said Majesty against the Danes; of which a particular Relation will be made publick here in a day or two; in the mean time we are assured, that the said Victory is very considerable, the Suedes having taken from the Enemy their Baggage and Artillery, which latter is said to have consistit in 50 pieces of Cannon, and having cut off most of their Infantry, for, no quarter was given on either side, and consequently few Prisoners were taken; the Suedes took likewise great many Arms and Horses, and a great number of Colors and Standards. For this great Victory publick thanks are appointed to be rendred in all Churches here; and the general rejoicing on this occasion is yet increased by the arrival of 1000 Foot from Colmar, and the assurance we have that they will be followed in a short time by several thousand more, so that we hope to have a good Army in the Field this approaching Campagne; for which, that our Governor General may the better prepare, he has, as is said, received likewise a considerable Sum of Money. Yesterday his Excellency entertained all the chief Officers at a noble Entertainment, and the Cannon have played all night long.

Lubecke, Decemb. 25. The Suedes speak very largely of the Victory they say they have gained upon the Danes in Schonen, which they pretend to have been as absolute and entire as they themselves could have wished; they tell us that all or greatest part of the Danish Infantry was destroyed, that of 900 or 1000 Dutch and Danish Seamen that were in the Army, not above 40 came off; that the Danish left Wing was totally routed, and that a great slaughter was likewise made among the Troops of their right Wing; that the Danes lost their Artillery, Ammunition and Baggage, and that they had several general Officers killed and wounded; that the King of Denmark and his Brother Prince George narrowly escaped, being killed or taken Prisoners, but that they saved themselves by retiring with their remaining Troops towards Landskron. Of the Suedes, General Schultz and General Gallas were killed, and Major General Fersøen taken prisoner, and in all it's reckoned that about 4000 men were slain. The King of Sueden according to our last advices was at Malmoe, his Army being encamped near that City, intending to pursue his Victory, and to make use of the disorder it is said this ill success has put the Danish affairs in Schonen in.

Strasburg, Jan. 1. The French by the frequent motions of their Troops keep us here in a continual alarm but more especially the neighbouring Bourgs and