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Moscow, Nov. 30

WE have advice that a Turkish *Chiaus* is arrived on the Frontiers, and that he comes to make Proposals for Peace. He is obliged by this Court to make a Quarantine; and here the preparations for War are carrying on with all the Vigour possible.

Lisbon, Nov. 30. In our last we gave you an account of the meeting of the *Cortes*, composed of the Clergy, the Nobility, and the Deputies or Procurators of 92 Cities of this Kingdom, and of *Goa* in the *Indies*, and of *Baye* in *Brazile*; and now we can tell you, that the latter have agreed to dispense, for this time only, with the Law of *Lamego*, which forbids the marrying of the Infanta with a Forreigner, and have sent to the Clergy and to the Nobility to know their minds thereupon.

Copenhagen, Dec. 23. Two days since, the King gave Audience to the Marquis de *Mortaigne*, Ambassador from *France*, who arrived here some days before. He has been since to visit the principal Ministers, to whom, as we understand, he has made Overtures of a Defensive Alliance between his Master and this Crown, which such other Princes and States as shall desire it, may likewise enter into, for the mutual defence of their respective Kingdoms and Countries. What Answer has been given to the said Ambassador we do not know, farther than that in general he has been assured of this Kings readiness to embrace all occasions to strengthen the present Friendship between the two Crowns. The King of *Sueden* is at present at *Christianstadt*, where he has appointed the States of the Provinces of *Sehonen*, *Halkand*, and *Bleking* to meet, to settle the affairs thereof. We are now expecting the arrival of the *Suedes* Ambassador, who is to come and fetch the Royal Bride.

Hamburg, Jan. 2. The Duke of *Holslein's* Commissioners at *Copenhagen*, with the assistance of the French Ambassador, have obtained order for the withdrawing such Danish Troops which remain in that Dukes Countries, as also a considerable abatement of the Contributions required from them, upon which the Duke is gone to his ordinary Residence at *Gottorp*. The King of *Denmark* has displaced several of his great Officers, to wit, the Admiral, and Stadtholder of *Copenhagen*, being two Brothers, their names *Bisike*. The King of *Sueden* we are told, to enrich the Crown, is going to re-assume all the Donations alienated from it by his Father and Queen *Christina*; and that his two great Favourites *Feldt-Marshal Coningsmark*, and the *Sieur Guldensterne*, have already resigned to him large possessions given them by that King or Queen. The said *Feldt-Marshal* (who is now Governor-General of *Pomeren*) having taken possession of all the Towns in that Country, and all others along that Coast, except *Wisnar*, which the *Danes* have not

yet evacuated, came hither on Saturday last, to prepare things for the settling there *Suedes* in *Bremen*, in which there will be no obstacle, when the French Money, which is remitting hither every post, is ready.

Hamburg, Jan. 5. The difference between the Elector of *Brandenburg* and the Duke of *Zell*, about the former's quartering his Troops in the Country of *Mecklenberg*, is composed, and those Troops are going to remove,

Francfort, Jan. 1. From the Elector of *Bavaria's* Court we have an account that Monsieur *Colbert* the French Ambassador, upon his arrival there, had made these three Proposals. 1. That His Most Christian Majesty, out of his great respect and good will to his Electoral Highness, made him the offer of a Princess of his own Blood in Marriage. 2. That for a greater Testimony of that good will, and to advance the Electors Glory, in case he had thoughts of becoming Emperor, and in order thereunto chosen King of the Romans, his Majesty would not only assist him with his good Offices, but with his Services also to compass that design. 3. That the King, to make the Union closer between him and the Elector, desired his Sister in Marriage for the Dauphin. To which the Bavarian Ministers replied, 1. That both the Elector and the Lady offered him were too young to speak, as yet of their Marriage. 2. That the Elector was very well contented with the Estates and Honours he possessed, and had no design of encreasing them. 3. That they were ready to enter into Negotiation concerning the Treaty of Marriage between the Dauphin and the Princess. The French continue their Levies in these parts; and Monsieur *la Roche*, who is principally employed therein, Lists none but such as have served formerly, and are of good strength of body.

Strasbourg, Jan. 2. Two several Edicts of the new Chamber set up at *Metz* have been published, by which all persons who hold any Lands depending on the three Bishopricks of *Metz*, *Toul*, and *Verdun*, are commanded to repair to *Metz*, to make appear their Right to the same, which will be a very great vexation to several Gentlemen, who in the Wars have lost several Papers and Deeds which they will now want. In the mean time they have exhibited their complaint to the Dyet of *Ratisbonne*, and have demanded the Protection of the Empire of which they are Members. The French demand 700 thousand Florins of the Country of *Brigow* for Contributions, and are going, for want of payment, to execute the same, so that that Country must be entirely ruined; they likewise demand great Arrears of Contributions of the Country of *Swabia*.

Cologne, Jan. 5. Here is arrived an Envoy from *France*; it is said he comes to Compliment our Elector upon the Marriage concluded between the Dauphin and the Princess of *Bavaria* his Cousin, but it's probable his main design is to promote