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Turin, Nov. 30.

ON monday last the Cardinal *d'Estree*, who has been extremely well received at this Court, parted from hence for *Venice*. He will stop at *Plaisanza* to see the Duke of *Parma*, as likewise the Duke of *Modena* at *Bresello*, we are assured that he has likewise instructions to see the Duke of *Mantoua*, and the great Duke of *Tuscany*, and indeed all the Princes of *Italy*; though at the same time it is given out, that he has not any business with those Princes, but that he takes these journeys merely for his pleasure. The Marquis *de Dronero* our Duke's Ambassador to the Prince Regent of *Portugal* is not yet embarked, he still expecting at *Villa Franca* the French man of War that is to carry him thither.

Milan, Decemb. 4. The Count *de Melgar* our Governor is sending a Gentleman to compliment the Cardinal *d'Estree* upon his coming into *Italy*: and the Governor of *Catal* has orders to receive him, at his passing through that place with all possible honors. They write from *Spain*, that levies are making in most parts of that Kingdom; and that orders were given for the fitting out 32 men of War and 4 Frigates against Spring.

Venice, Decemb. 7. We are expecting here the Cardinal *d'Estree*: It is said, that he comes hither to offer this State the French Kings Mediation for the composing the differences that are still depending between them and the Pope. And that he has likewise Affairs to treat with the Duke of *Mantoua*, who they think has therefore so long deferred his return home. From *Rome* they write, that those who have with so much impatience expected a promotion of Cardinals, and had persuaded themselves it would be declared now at *Christmas*, begin to fear they shall be disappointed. The Letters we receive from *Turkey* give us an account, that the Grand Signior was gone from *Constantinople* to *Adrianople*, and intends to pass the Winter there, and that in the spring he would go into the Field, and march against the *Moscovites* at the head of his Army; but this latter part, its believed is given out to frighten, as they imagine, their Enemies into a Peace.

Stockholme, Decemb. 3. The preparations that are making here for the Queens publick Entry and Coronation are very great, which are to be on the 4th and 5th instant. The Dyet will then be separated, and the Nobility at leisure to attend the solemnity. In our last we told you that the reunion of the Crown Lands was concluded by the Dyet, which is true; however many are of opinion that the execution thereof will prove very difficult, for several of the Nobility have at present little besides

the Lands which were given them for their services in the Wars by the Kings Predecessors, and will be, when deprived of these in a very ill condition; and not only they, but indeed the whole body of the Nobility are more or less concerned in this matter, and therefore some think, that the King will content himself with a Summ of money to be given him by the Nobility in lieu of the said Lands; but these are but the thoughts of particular men, upon which no certain judgment can be made of the issue this Affair may yet have. Count *Oxenstern's* dispatches are preparing, and its believed he will be gone for *Germany* before *Christmas*.

Lintz, Decemb. 5. A new Envoy is coming hither from *France*, and its said part of his Commission is to assure the Emperor that the King his Master is resolved to maintain the Peace and friendship now established between them, which we should hear with much more satisfaction, if at the same time we could understand that the many complaints that have been made concerning the proceedings of the French Officers in *Alsace* and elsewhere, which we are told are directly contrary to the said Peace, were so far regarded at the French Court, as that the Princes of the Empire, who have been injured, were like to have redress upon them; but it is so far from that, that we hear every day of fresh complaints of the same kind made to the Dyet by the Princes on the *Rhine*. The Courier that brought the Articles made between General *Caprara* and the Malecontents for a Cessation of Arms, is sent back with the Emperors Ratifications; and with orders to the said General to put the Imperial Troops into quarters. The Duke of *Lorraine* is at *Pienn*, but returns from thence to *Inspruck*, so that we shall not see him here this winter.

Berlin, Decemb. 8. Much has been said of a design against the life of the Elector of *Saxony* and the manner of the discovering it, which was related with so many circumstances that every body almost gave credit to it; but we have reason to believe it a meer fiction for that none of the Letters which we have received from the Court of that Elector, since this report was first spread abroad, make any mention of it. The Princess of *Rudzewille*, with whom our Electors second Son is going to Marry, is an Heiress to a very great Estate, and a very fine young Lady.

Francfort, Decemb. 13. The Deputies of several Princes that are to meet here about regulating the Mint, have not yet been together, and indeed people are the less solicitous, concerning their meeting, for that they believe it will be as fruitless as several others that have been held for this purpose have been. The Duties which the French exact at *Germerheim* for all goods that pass by that place, gives the Merchants great disturbance; They are resolved to make their complaints to the Dyet, though it be without any great expectation of obtaining satisfaction upon them. The Levies that