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Madrid, Dec. 26.

THe 23rd Instant arrived here an Express with Advice, that 8000 French were come to *St. Jean de Luz*, and that it was believed their business was to require satisfaction for the Murther which the French alledge was committed by some of the Inhabitants of *Fonterabia*, upon several Fishermen of *Andaye*. The King has given the Duke de *Matalone*, *Neppolitan*, the Order of the *Golden Fleece*.

Genova, Dec. 31. From *Cadix* we have Advice that fourteen French men of War were arrived there, being bound, as is said, for the *Levant* to joyn the *Sieur du Quesne*, though others think they will rather be employed at this time against the *Algerines*: Sir *Robert Robinson* was newly arrived at *Cadix* from *Newfoundland*. We are expecting here ten French Gallies from *Marseilles*. This day our Duke was Crowned with the usual Solemnity.

Yesterday the Imperial Majesties returned from *Oedenburg*; the Emperor before he left that place, promised the Protestants as yet are told, that all their Churches and Lands that have been confiscated, should be restored to them, and that they shall have liberty to erect Schools for the Education of their Children, &c.

Hyancfort, Dec. 31. There passes not any thing here worth the writing. The Ministers are indeed frequently together, but it is only to exchange their Powers, &c. and to dispatch some other Preliminary Matters. Our Letters from *Vienna* tell us, that the Duke of *Lorain* was arrived there, and that upon the Emperor's return thither, great Councils of War would be held there, concerning the affairs of *Germany*. The States in several Circles, are now assembled, in order to the making the necessary resolutions, about raising their Quota's of the Army of the Empire.

Francfort, Jan. 12. Count *Lobcowitz*, the Imperial Minister at the Court of *Bavaria*, succeeds very well in his negotiation; his Electoral Highness having as they write from *Munich* assured him, that he will give contentment with a hearty consent, but that whenever there is occasion, he will employ his Arms for the defence, and security of the Empire. The Count adds, that Count *Lobcowitz* had acquainted the States of the Circle of *Bavaria*, assembled at *Wessemburg*, that his Imperial Majesty was putting himself into the posture which the present Conjunction demands, and that he doubted not but the Circles would on their part, readily contribute their Quota's to the Army of the Empire. The French in the interim work without any intermission on their Fortifications at *Strasbourg* and

Homburg, and have made a very large way, for the easy passage of their Artillery from the *Saar*, as far as *Meissenheim*; but the overflowing of the *Rhine* does at present hinder them in their Works at *Strasbourg*. Their Fortifications at *Huningen* are almost finished. From *Hungary* they write, that the Dyet at *Oedenburg* ended the 23rd past, and that the Resolutions that had been taken, were to be published the next day; that among other things, the Emperor had given the Protestants leave to build 70 new Churches, and had promised the restitution of all their Lands that have been confiscated. The *Swiss Cantons* are to meet at *Baden* the 15th Instant, to determine some difference arisen between the Protestants and the Romanists in the Canton of *Glaris*.

Berlin, Jan. 11. The 5th Instant Monsieur *Foulkes*, his Electoral Highnesses Secretary parted from hence for *Copenhagen*, being sent to the King of *Denmark* upon some Affairs that are kept secret. The Duke and Dukes of *Hanover* are expected here the next week, and some are of opinion, that the Duke of *Zell* will likewise come. To Morrow or next day the Officers of his Electoral Highnesses Household goe hence to meet them; they are to receive them at *Tangremont* on the *Elbe*, and are to conduct them thither at his Highnesses Charge; and in the mean time great preparations are making for their Reception here. It is hoped that this Meeting will produce Resolutions for the good and security of the Empire. The French are not pleased with it. The 8th Instant, a Jesuite of *Dusseldorpe* did make a publick Abjuration of the Roman Catholick Religion, in a Learned Sermon before his Electoral Highness, under whose Protection he has now put himself; he seems to be a very sober Man, and of a very good Life, and has the reputation of being very Learned, and of having been in great esteem in the Society.

Cologne, Jan. 6. The Deputies of *Liege* had on Saturday last another Conference with his Electoral Highnesses Commissioners, in the presence of the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, where little else passed but Complaints and Expostulations on both sides; the Commissioners laying before the Deputies, their undutifull carriage towards his Electoral Highness; and the Deputies on the other side alledging the necessity their Principals were under, to act as they have done; and complaining that they have been kept a long while here without any Answer to the Propositions which they made upon their first arrival.

Cologne, Jan. 13. From *Ratisbonne* we have an account, that the Deputy of *Burgundy* had again on the 7th Instant, represented to the Dyet the condition of the City of *Luxemburg*, and prayed them to take effectual and speedy Resolutions for its relief. From *Vienna* they write, that the Emperor was returned thither from *Oedenburg*, having confirmed the Resolutions of the Dyet; but that the Protestant States had not all the satisfaction they desire.