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Rome, Dec. 8.

THE Cardinal de *Fourbin* is preparing for his Return to *France*, so that the Cardinal d'*Estree* will be left here alone to manage the Affairs of that Crown. We hear no more of the Project of an Accommodation about the French Bishops, which was much talked of about a Fortnight ago, but, as appears from the late News, with little ground for it. The French endeavor indeed to Treat the business of the Bishops separately, and have made several Proposals to induce the Pope thereto, but hitherto they have not been such as could prevail upon him to alter his former Resolutions in this matter. The Complaints of some of the Princes of *Italy*, and particularly of the Duke of *Parma*, about the Winter Quarters the Germans have taken in their Territories, have occasioned several Conferences here, but the result of them has been only (that we yet hear of) the sending some Troops to reinforce the Garrisons of *Bologna* and *Ferrara*, and some other Frontier Places of the Ecclesiastical State. On Monday last the Pope held a private Consistory; It was expected that he would then have made some Declaration about filling the vacant Places in the College of Cardinals; But there was nothing said of it, and they, who hope to have part in this Promotion, continue under the same impatience, and uncertainty as to the Pope's intention about it, they were in before.

Genoa, Dec. 8. The Secretary *Salvago*, who had admitted the matter of the Winter Quarters with General *Caraffa*, returned hither the beginning of the last week with an account, that the German Troops were withdrawn out of all the places belonging to this State. Thirty thousand *Scudi* have been remitted to *Milan*, to be paid to General *Caraffa* in part of the Sum agreed for. The French Envoy the *Sieur de Rabencat* has taken his Leave of the Doge, and goes from hence to *Florence*.

Turin, Dec. 8. The Elector of *Bavaria* parted from hence on the 2d instant, the Duke of *Savoy* accompanying him towards *Milan*; His Royal Highness is not yet returned, and 'tis thought he will not till he has been at *Lore*, where is appointed the Rendezvous of the Forces, which are to march to the Relief of *Montmelian*. His Royal Highness has procured some Troops from the Governor of *Milan* for this Expedition; His own are already on their march, and will be at the Rendezvous by the middle of the next week. In the mean time the Garrison of *Montmelian* continues to make a brave Defence; They are 600 strong, and very well furnished with Provisions and Ammunition for 3 or 4 months; While on the other hand the French suffer very much by the Weather, and the rigorous opposition they meet with in carrying on the Siege, and have not now, as we are assured, above 7000 Men before the Place.

Venice, Decemb. 15. The Elector of *Bavaria* arrived here the 10th instant with Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, and is lodged in the House of his Resident. His Electoral Highness has been Complimented and Presented with Wines, Sweet-meats, and other Refreshments by the Senate; And Friends, after having spent a few days in viewing the Curiosities of this place, to return home by the way of *Vienna*. Commissions are given out here daily for new Levies.

Vienna, Dec. 16. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* arrived here the 10th instant in the Evening; Had the next day a long Audience of the Emperor; And has since assisted at several Consultations about the Affairs of the War, for the prosecution of which great Preparations are making. The Hereditary Countries have granted and already begun the new Levies demanded of them for recruiting the Imperial Armies, and besides these, some Princes of the Empire are Treating with for several Regiments of old Troops; Orders are given for the providing Magazines in such places where they may be most useful; And a great number of Sicks and other Barks are going to be fitted, in order to be employed on the *Danube* the next Campaign

under the command of the Marquis de *Fieury*. The Advices from the Blockade of *Great Waradin* say, that the *Bassa*-Commandant had desired a Cessation of Arms for some certain time, with a Promise, That if he was not Relieved before the expiration of it, he would surrender the place; Which Proposal being rejected by the Imperialists, the Turks made two or three days after a Sally, with a design to get some Wood for Fuel, but it had not the Success they hoped for, our Troops being upon their Guard, and beating the Enemy back, with the loss of divers of them killed or taken Prisoners. The latter confirm, (as do likewise several Deserters) that the Garrison, which consists of about 1000 Men, is in such want of Provisions, that they will be forced very quickly to Capitulate, But in the mean time, that the little Provisions they had might last the longer, they had put out of the Place the Women and Children, with such others as were unfit for Service. According to our last Advices from *Turkey*, the Negotiation of a Peace seems to be at a stand, the Court at *Constantinople* being wrought upon by the Offers and Persuasions of the French to turn their Thoughts towards the Continuance of the War. The Grand Vicer *Haly Bassa* is dead in the 75th Year of his Age, and *Ibrahim Bassa* an Albanese is raised to that Station. The Tartars have carried *Teckeley* and his Favorite *Petrozzi* away Prisoners, and treat them very ill; Though the Letters from *Transylvania* of the 7th tell us, there was a report, that they had set them again at Liberty. General *Veterani* was come to *Hermannstadt*, having put the Imperial Troops under his command into their Winter Quarters. Upon the Advices of a Contagious Mitemper being broke out in *Hungary*, several Orders have been Published to prevent its spreading into *Austria*, and particularly all Travellers coming from thence are obliged to make a Quarantine at *Presburgh*, which has had such good effect, that all the Parts hereabouts continue very healthful, and in *Hungary* the Sickness is much decreased.

Frankfort, Dec. 23. The Marquis d'*Uxelles*, who commands the French Forces in *Alsace*, detached lately 3000 Men of the Garrisons of *Brisc* and *Hunningen*, to surprize a small Fort not far from thence, in which were posted several Companies of Germans, but their Design being discovered, they did not think fit to pursue it, but returned with all the haste they could towards their own Quarters. In *Alsace* their Troops are in continual motion; And on the other side General *Caprara* has ordered the Imperial and Confederate Forces to keep themselves in a readiness to march if there be occasion. The Regiment of *Heyderisiof* is within these few days entered into *Hydelberg*, where there is now a Garrison of 4000 Men.

Cologne, Decemb. 25. On the 19th instant 600 French Horse and Foot, marched from *Lier*, being furnished with Bread and Forage for 4 days, and a good number of Sealing-Ladders; At *Adenau* a Detachment from *Montroyal* joined them, and then, being together about 1500 strong, they directed their march with great Secrecy towards *Sinzig*, *Munster*, and *Reinig*, where some of the *Neuburg* Troops were lodged, whom they designed to surprize. On the 20th they appeared before *Sinzig* about 6 in the morning, and thought with the help of their Ladders to have scaled the Walls, but finding the Garrison, who had notice of their approach, in a posture to give them a warm Reception, they contented themselves with plundering 2 or 3 Villages, and so retired; But the Governor of *Sinzig*, being unwilling to let them go off so quietly, detached part of his Garrison, who fell upon the Rearmost of the Enemy, and made them retreat in disorder to their main Body, after killing several, and taking 7 Prisoners. We hear, that another Party of the Confederate Troops have burnt a great quantity of Forage, which the French had laid up in some places on the *Saar*. The Troops of *Holland*, *Brandenburg*, and *Munster*, who are now in *Keyserwaert* and *Rhinberg*, have Orders to quit those places to the Elector of *Cologne*, who will put into them Garrisons of his own. The Manufactures that come from thence are to Winter in this City.

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Hamburg, December 25. They write from the Court of *Hannover*, that Prince *Maximilian*, second Son to the present Duke, is confined to his Chamber, and a Guard set upon him; and the *Sieur de Molke*, with a Lieutenant-Colonel of that Name, and the Secretary of the Duke, of *Woltembustel*, are imprisoned, upon the discovery, as 'tis said, of some Correspondencies, which they held in opposition to the Duke of *Hannover's* design, which he has long had, to unite the two *Principals* in the Person of his Eldest Son.

Geneva, Dec. 17. The fresh Account we have of the Siege of *Montmélian* is, that the French have lodged themselves at the foot of one of the Bastions; That their Cannon has very much ruined that part of the place upon which they could bring their Batteries to bear; And that their Bombs do very much annoy the Belieged; But that all this does not discourage the Garrison, who make a continual Fire upon the Enemy, and kill many of them; *Monieur Vauban* and *Monieur Castinat* reckoned to be Masters of the Place by the 16th of this month; but finding they have great Difficulties still to struggle with from the steepness of the Rock where they are to make their Assault, and the other natural Advantages of the place, as well as the great Bravery of those that defend it, we may very well hope they will be mistaken in their Calculation. In the mean time we hear, that the Duke of *Savoy's* Troops are marching to relieve *Montmélian*, or, which seems more probable, to attack *Susa*; However it be, *Monieur Castinat* has sent several Detachments to secure the Passages of the Mountains, which besides are rendered in a manner unpassable by the Season.

Paris, Dec. 21. The Letters from the Camp before *Montmélian*, of the 13th Instant, give an account, That on the 7th they lodged themselves on the side of the Ditch, and the night following cast up a Trench to secure that Lodgment; after which the Miners went to work, and having finished their Mine, it was sprung the 12th about Three in the Morning, with good Success, having thrown so great a Quantity of Earth and Rubbish into the Ditch, as would facilitate the making a Lodgment there, and the fixing the Miner to the Bastion of *Beauvoisin*, which is the weakest side of the place. The *Sieur de Brac*, Colonel of the Regiment of *la Sarte*, was killed in the Descent into the Ditch; and we lost besides in that occasion 3 Ingenieurs, 8 Officers, and about 30 private Soldiers. Since these Advices an Express is come from *Monieur Castinat*, with an account, That the Miners were fixed to the Bastion of *Beauvoisin*, and that the Place could not hold out long; and that upon Notice of the Duke of *Savoy's* Troops being on their March to Relieve it, he had sent Detachments to secure the Passages, and prevent their Design. Orders are sent to the Governour of the Citadel of *Casal*, to deliver up to the Duke of *Manua* the *Marquis de Fasciati*, who was Governour of the Town, and was lately seized by the French, on pretence of his holding Correspondence with the Germans.

Breussels, Dec. 26. The Letters from *Madrid* of the 30th of the last Month tell us, That on the 28th a great Council was held in the King's Presence, upon a Letter his Majesty had received from the Elector of *Bavaria*, wherein he declared his readiness to accept the Government of the Spanish Netherlands, upon such Conditions as his Majesty should think fit; having no other aim in it than to endeavour the restoring of those Countries to their ancient Splendour, and to show his Zeal and Affection to his Majesty's Interests; when upon the King, as we are informed, declared his Intention of giving the said Government to his Electoral Highness, but the same was not yet made publick when these Letters came away. They write from *Munich*, That the Elector of *Bavaria* will return thither in the beginning of the next Month; That in February his Electoral Highness intends to go to *Cologne* with the Elector his Brother, and thence on to *Holland*; and 'tis very confidently said, That we may expect his Electoral Highness here in the Month of *March*. In the mean time our present Governour, the *Marquis de Gastaing*, prepares for his Departure. The Prince de *Vaudemont* and the *Marquis de Bedmar* are come back from visiting the Garrisons of *Chalerey* and *Namur*, and a further Reinforcement has been sent to the last of these places. Several Detachments drawn out of the French Garrisons, are moving towards *Philipville* and *Charlemont*, where 2000 Horse and a greater number of Foot is lately arrived from *France* and *Lorraine*. They write from *Chamberi* of the 16th, That they had Letters of the day before from the Camp before *Montmélian*, which said, That the Miners had begun to work under the Bastion of *Beauvoisin*, but that the Belieged did still defend themselves with great Vigour.

Hague, Dec. 28. The States of *Holland* are Adjourned to the 8th of *January*. In *Flanders* things seem at present very quiet; however great quantities of Bread, and Carriages, are provided for our Army in case there should be occasion. The last Letters from *Geneva* say, that the French lost a great many Men before *Montmélian*, not a day passing that they had not 40 or 50 killed or wounded, and that the Duke of *Savoy* was actually on his march with all his Foot and Dragoons to relieve the Place; though those that know how difficult it will be to pass over the Mountains at this time of the year, rather believe that the design is upon *Susa*.

Poussin, December 27. This morning appeared in the *Ouse* about 50 Sail of Ships, and by a Boat that came from them, they are said to be Dutch bound for *St. Tubes*. The Dutch Squadron continues at *Spithead*.

Whitehall, December 21. His Majesty was pleased this day to appoint Sheriffs for

Stafford, *Hony Vernon* of *Hilroy*, Esq;
Cornwall, *Baller junior*, Esq;
Cambridge and
Huntingdon, Sir *Robert Dacres*;
Dorset, *Richard Rose* Esq;
Nottingham, *Edward Mordaunt* of *Clith*, Esq;
Kent, Sir *John Mordaunt* Baronet;
Southampton, *John Falkener* of *Kings-Clerk*, Esq;
Gloucester, *Andrew Barker* Esq;
Wilt, Sir *W. Darnley* Baronet.

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Anglesey, Sir *Thomas Mestyn* Baronet;
Brecknock, *John Williams* of *Combdy*, Esq;
Carnarvon, *David Parry* Esq;
Cardigan, *Daniel Evans* Esq;
Carmarthen, *Francis Brown* of *Freed*, Esq;
Denbigh, *Sydney Thelwall* of *Llanedra*, Esq;
Flint, *William Hammer* of *Betsfield*, Esq;
Glamorgan, *William Seys* of *Swanzy*, Esq;
Merioneth, *Oliver Thomas* of *Baler*, Esq;
Montgomery, *Philip Eyrone* Esq;
Pembroke, *George Meare* of *Rosi-Crowther*, Esq;
Radnor, *Thomas Vaughan* of *Brandrick*, Esq;

Advertisements.

HOLMANS London-Ink-Powder for Records; Being the strongest Ingredients for making the best Writing Ink; by Dissolving one Six-penny Paper thereof in a Flux of (such as River) Water, by shaking or tiring it together; Approved by many Thousands, and is best for Carriage by Sea and Land. It is Sealed up in Six-penny Papers with the Makers Coat of Arms, and sold with Printed Directions by most Stationers in London; and by Country Shopkeepers in the chiefest Cities and Towns in England. Made and Sold by Charles Holman, now living at the Bar near St. Margarets Hill in Southwark, he having His Majesty's Patent granted him under the Great Seal of England for making the same.

An Essay on Poetry; By the Right Honourable the Earl of *Mulgrave*: Together with a Latin Version, by a Learned Hand. Printed for *Joh. Hindmarsh* at the Golden Bull opposite the Royal-Exchange in *Cornhill*.

AT the Twisted-Posts in *Charles-street*, *Westminster*, in a large House, well Wainscoted and Painted, with all sorts of Conveniency, to be Let or Sold.

LOST or stolen near *Whitehall*, a black Shock-Dog of the Spanish kind, with a white Lift down the Breast and white Feet. Whoever brings him, or gives notice where he may be heard of, to the Porter of *Whitehall*, shall have a Guinea Reward.

DEPARTED out of Lieutenant-Colonel *John Skelton's* Company, in Their Majesty's second Regiment of Foot-Guards commanded by Major-General *Talmach*, viz. *George Smith*, a tall black Dutch-man; *George Villers*, *John Lee*, *John Apthorpe*, *Roder Edmonds*, and *Teunis Vander-Vall*. If any of them surrender themselves within 8 days, they shall be forgiven: Or whoever gives notice of them to Lieutenant-Colonel *Skelton* at his Lodgings at the Elephant at *Charing-cross*, shall have a Guinea for each man.

WARD Langham, some time a Porter, and pyled at or near the Castle Tavern by *Grays-Inn* in *Holborn*, is earnestly desired as soon as possible to come, or send notice where he may be found, to Mr. *Sare Bookseller* at *Gray's-Inn Gate*, who has some Business of Moment to acquaint him with, which may be for his Advantage; But if the said *Langham* is gone into any Foreign Part, or dead, his Relations are desired to signify the same to the said Mr. *Sare*.

LOST the 4th of *November* last betwixt *Fleet-street* and the Tower, or about the Custom-house, a Canvas Bag, wherein was a Counter-part of a Mortgage for 50 l. and other Deeds belonging to the same Estate. Whoever brings them to Mr. *Tha Sanders* at the Ring on *Ludgate-hill*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

LOST the 11th instant, a Book of Accounts in a Parchment Cover, marked *Margaret Hues*. Whoever brings it to the *Mrs. Margaret Hues* in *Ropemakers-Alley* in *Little-Moor-Fields*, or to Mr. *Barwell* at the *Black-Bull* in *Cornhill*, shall have 5 s. Reward.

LOST the 12th instant, betwixt *Weigh-house Yard* in *Cornhill* and the Post-house in *Lombard-street*, going through *Exchange-Alley*, a round course Bag of Money, containing 10 l. wherein was 5 Guineas and a Pistol, and the rest Silver. Whoever brings the said Money to Mr. *Jeremy Bright* at the 3 Rabbits in *Cannon-street*, shall have 5 l. Reward.

STOLEN the 11th instant out of Mr. *Robert Tradts* Dyehouse near *Coler-harbor* in *Thames-street*, *London*, 24 yards of white *Salisbury Cloth*, which was lifted, and some part of it stained *Reddish*. Whoever secures it, and gives notice to Mr. *Tradts* as aforesaid, or his Copartner, shall have 40 s. Reward, or proportionable for any part.

LOST about 7 weeks since out of *Gerrard-street*, *Westminster*, a black and white Dog much like a large Southern Hound, with a black Head and Fans, and a white Break down his forehead, two large black Spots on each side reaching over his Eyes, black upon his Rump, and a cut Tail. Whoever brings or gives notice of him to Mr. *John Parsons*, Coach-maker, at the Sign of the upper end of the *Hay-market*, shall have 10 s. and Charges.