

# The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Monday December 21. to Thursday December 24. 1691.

Rome, Dec. 8.

**T**HE 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with General *Caraffa*, returned hither the beginning of the last week with an account, that the German Troops were withdrawn out of all the places belonging to this State.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 afterwards, after having spent a few days in viewing the Curiosities of this place, to return home by the way of *Florence*. Commissions are given out here daily for new Levies.

**Vieims, 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 *Heyderick* 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.

H.M.