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Madrid, December 27.

**T**HE King has named the Constable of *Castile*, the Duke of *Montalto* the Marquis de *los Balbafes*, and the Marquis de *Mansera*, to be a private Juncto for the Affairs of *Flanders*, and to take care of sending thither the necessary Supplies according to the Resolutions that have been already taken in the Council of State. They write from *Cadiz*, that the Persons interested in the Lading of the Galeons had made several proposals about settling the Indulto, but their offer not coming up to what the King demanded and still insists upon, there is nothing yet concluded, and the Galeons not permitted to unlade. They are raising some Foot in the Parts hereabouts, who are to serve in *Catalonia*. The Pragmatica that was lately published here to forbid the wearing of Gold and Silver Laces, and Foreign Silks wrought with Gold, and all Excess in Apparel, is very strictly put in execution.

*Venice*, December 28. The Preparations for the War are carried on here with great application. The Senate is treating with several Officers, who undertake to raise Regiments in *Germany* and other parts for the Service of the Republick. Another Convoy is preparing for the *Levant*. They write from *Florence* of the 22th, that the Count de *Rabenac*, Envoy from *France* to several Princes of *Italy*, arrived there the 15th, and had the next day Audience of the Great Duke, and a Conference with some of his Ministers, to whom he opened his Commission, which consists of the like offers of Friendship he had before made to the Republick of *Genova*, with Persuasions to maintain an exact Neutrality, and not to furnish Quarters, or any Monneys in lieu thereof, for the subsistence of the German Forces that were employed in *Piedmont* the last Campaigne. On the 20th he had another Conference on the same subject; but there was little appearance of his having any better success in his Negotiation at that Court, than he had had at *Genova*; The same Letters adding, that the Great Duke had sent an Envoy to *Milan* to agree with General *Caraffa* about the said Winter-Quarters, which the Sieur de *Rabenac* had endeavoured all he could to hinder.

*Warsaw*, December 23. The King of *Poland* is still at *Jawarow*; and it's believed the Court will continue there all this Winter.

The thoughts of calling a *Dyer* seem to be laid aside for the present. The Conferences at *Lemberg* about regulating the Winter Quarters and Subsistence for the Troops are ended; Orders have been sent to the Officers to use all possible diligence in recruiting their Troops; and we are told, that Commissions will be given out for raising several new Regiments; the King being resolved to have both a greater Army this next Campaigne, and to be earlier in the Field than he was the last. They say his design is to unite the Dutchies of *Moldavia* and *Valachia* to this Crown, and even to advance as far as *Budziack*, to cut off the Communication between the Tartars and those Provinces; and that to this end the Garrisons in *Sirocke* on the *Neister*, and in the other places, we took the last Summer in *Moldavia*, have, not only been lately reinforced; and furnished with whatever may be necessary for their defence, but Directions are given for the providing Magazines there for the use and subsistence of the Army in their march through those Desert and ruined Countreys; the want of which, and the difficulty of sending Convoys, was the reason the Forces suffered so much the last year. The *Moscovites* do likewise promise to give the Tartars a great Diversion the next Summer, and to encourage them to the performance of it, the King of *Poland* has sent Instructions to his Minister at *Moscow*, to acquaint the Czars with the great Preparations that are making for the prosecution of the War on this side, in order to oblige the Turks to a just and honourable Peace, which the Czars will not fail to share in the advantage of. And at the same time care is taken to confirm the *Cossacks*, inhabiting near the *Nieper* or *Boristhenes* in their fidelity to this Crown, and to engage a considerable Body of them in the service of it.

*Vienna*, January 3. Three or four Officers, of whom one is a Major, that were Prisoners at *Belgrade*, and made lately their escape, are come hither, and give an account, that the Turks work very hard on the Fortifications of that place, fearing a Siege the next Campaigne; That the Garrison is at present but weak, and not very well furnished with Provisions, but that they daily expected a Reinforcement with a Supply of necessary Stores. That the Bissa's of *Belgrade* and *Temeswaer* had received repeated Orders from the *Port* to relieve *Great-Waradin*, but that they were not in a condition to execute them, and consequently had very little hopes of saving that place. The Count d'*Aspremont*, who was imprisoned for Marrying with the Daughter of the Prince's *Ragotzi*, now Countess of *Teckeler*, without the Emperor's Leave, has not only obtained his Liberty, by Prince *Lewis* or *B-*

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