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Turin, January 27.

HIS Royal Highness seems to be perfectly recovered of his late indisposition. Proclamations have been lately published here, forbidding the Market of *Saluzes*, and all other Markets between the Rivers *Po* and *Drav*, except that of *Turin* and *Moncalieri*, thereby to prevent the clandestine carrying of Provisions to *Pignerol* and *Susa*, which they are in great need of. Notwithstanding which some Country People have ventured to supply them, and yesterday the *Vaulois* brought hither 8 Persons prisoners, who were returning from *Pignerol*, where they had been with Provisions. The 17th at night the French marched with a strong Detachment of Foot and Horse from *Pignerol*, and possessed themselves of *Tavel* a Village at the foot of the Mountains between *Pignerol* and *Susa*, where it is supposed they design to cast up a work to secure the communication between those two places; About the same time another Party from *Susa* marched to *Veillano*, to bring in what Provisions they could get of Wine, Wood, and Oats, which they are in great want of. We hear there have been endeavours to disturb the German Troops in their Winter Quarters in the Dutchy of *Modena*, which obliged them only to augment their Numbers, and by that means they are maintained in quiet possession. On the 21th Instant the Dukes Regiment of Foot Guards consisting of 2000 Men, came hither from *Aoste*, and are to remain in Garrison here, and some other Regiments are likewise on their march hither, which will be a great restraint to the Incursions of the Enemy. On the 25th a Party of our Dragoons advancing as far as *Casfillette*, and finding the Enemy had been there but a little time before with 50 Dragoons and 100 Foot, our Men pursued them, but could not overtake them. Two Regiments of *Saxe-Gotha* Foot, (which the Duke has agreed for) are expected here by the end of *March*.

Vienna, Jan. 17. The Emperor has sent the Baron *d'Eck* to the Bishop of *Saltzburg*, to acquaint him with the Reasons that have induced his Imperial Majesty to Erect a Ninth Electorate, in favour of the Duke of *Hanover*; and we are told, that he is afterwards to go with the same Commission to the other Princes of the Empire, who have protested against this Proceeding, and to endeavour to satisfy them about it. The last Letters from *Poland* give great hopes, that there will be very vigorous Resolutions taken in the Diet of that Kingdom, for the prosecution of the War against the Turks, till such time as a General and Honourable Peace can be made with them. The Officers of the Emperor's Troops have received repeated Orders to hasten their Return, and to have them complete by the beginning of *April*. The States of the *Lower-Austria* are still assembled here.

Mentz, Jan. 20. We have an account from *Rheinfeldt*, that 2000 Peasants, besides the Soldiers of the Garrison, are daily employed in repairing the Fortifications of that place, ruined in the late Siege, wherein they have made a very good progress already; They intend likewise to enlarge the Works, so that there may lodge in them 2000 Men.

Berlin, Jan. 23. The Officers in the Service of his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburg*, are all commanded to be at their respective Commands by the end of the next Month. An Equipage is preparing here for the Viceroy *Marschal Daufug*, who is designed here for the *Brandenburg* Forces the next Campaign. The Elector sends 6000 Men to serve the Emperor in *Hungary* this Summer.

Frankfurt, Febr. 4. The Deputies of the Circles of *Saxonia* and *Franconia* are still assembled to consider of reducing their Troops, the first to 15000, and the other to 12000, effective Men. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has writ to them, to acquaint them, that he is hastning all he can to come to them.

Cologne, Febr. 3. The Generals and Deputies of the Allies are still here in Consultations about the security of the *Lower Rhine*, the Resolution is taken to have an Army of near 10000 Men, made up out of the Imperial, *Hess-Cassel*, and *Munster* Troops, and those of the Elector *Palatin*, and of *Troves*, but it is not yet agreed who shall command that Body in chief. Some believe the Enemy has a design to quit and demolish *Eberburg*, since they have carried away Provisions and some Pieces of Cannon from thence to *Mons Royal*.

Paris, Febr. 6. They write from *Pignerol*, that the Duke of *Savoy* has given Orders to his Forces to beat the French out of the Posts they have taken in their last Incursions into *Piedmont*; and that Order had been sent to reinforce the Troops that are now at *Marzaglia*, at *Cumiane*, at *Javan*, and some other places, with some Peasants, to make up Fascines. There is a report spread at *Turin*, that the Prisoners lately brought from *Mondovi* will be executed in the Prison. The Count *d'Estree* will part in few days from hence for *Toulon*, to command 20 French Men of War, and two Gallies. The Count *d'Asaux*, and Monsieur *Bourepas*, Ambassadors to *Sweden* and *Denmark*, fitted the 23d of the last month from *Dunkirk*, under a Convey commanded by Captain *Bart*. They are fitting there four Men of War to be commanded by Monsieur *de Beautissu*; it's not known yet if they are designed for *Brest*, or whether they'll stay long at *Sea*, before they join the great Fleet. The French King's Journey to *Chantilly* is, as 'ts said, to be on the 24th of this Instant, to make there a Review of the Troops of his Household. The Prince Royal of *Denmark* will part hence in few days for *Germany*, after he hath partaken of the Divertisments of the *Carnival*, for which great preparations are making at *Verjailles*.

Brussels, Febr. 8. On the 5th Instant a great Convey went from hence under the Command of Lieutenant General *Schwarzenmore*, with Provisions and Ammunition for *Charleroy*, from whence they are returned without having met with any opposition from the Enemy. The Garrison there is now reinforced with a Battalion of 600 Spanish Foot commanded by *Don Piemento*, and two Dutch Battalions, and all diligence is used to repair whatever was amiss or defective in the Fortifications, the Enemy seeming to threaten that place by the great preparations they are making on that Frontier, where they are very busie in carrying Stores of all sorts to *Namur*, *Mons*, and *Maubeuge*. They write, that the French King is expected at *Mons* about the beginning of the next Month. There have been