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Messina, November 4.

WE have Letters from *Smirna* which give an account of the arrival there of the English and Dutch *Turkey* Ships. The Popes Galleys are returned into this Port from the *Levant*.

Turin, Nov. 23. The Mareschal *de Catinat* having received Orders some days ago from the French Court about the Repartition of the Winter Quarters for the Forces under his Command, (which they had expected very impatiently, for that they suffered very much by the Weather) they are accordingly separated, and have begun to repass the *Alps*, except such Troops as it has been thought necessary to send to *Pignerol* and *Susa*, for the reinforcement of those Garisons. The Marquis *de Parella* is gone, by Order of the Duke of *Savoy*, to Command at the Blockade of *Casal*, which will be continued during the Winter. The last Letters from thence inform us, that they had taken 3 French Officers who were going to *Casal* with a considerable Sum of Money, designed, as 'tis thought, for the payment of that Garison. The Officers of his Royal Highness's Troops are making their Recruits, and propose to have them compleat early in the Spring.

Venice, Nov. 27. By Letters from *Scio* of the 9th of the last month we have an account, that the Captain General had not thought fit, because of the approaching Winter, to enter upon any new Action at this time, but had sent 6 Men of War, 3 Galleasses, and 10 Galleys, to *Napoli di Romania*, and intended to remain himself with the rest of the Fleet and Land Forces at *Scio* during the Winter. The Letters from *Napoli di Romania* of the 18th past tell us, that a Body of 8 or 9000 Turks had made an Incursion into the *Morea*, and advanced as far as *Argos*, but finding the Country thereabouts all deserted, and having notice that the Venetians were drawing their Forces together to cut off their Retreat, they returned with all the haste they could towards *Thebes*, without having done any thing remarkable in this Expedition. And from *Zant* by Advices of the 31th past, we are told, that the Troops which were going from thence and *Corfou* to the assistance of the Venetians in the *Morea*, being informed of the retreat of the Turks, were come back, having in their return taken and demolished the Castle of *Archangelo*, situated between *Patraisso* and *Lepanto*, and obliged the Enemy to abandon another Castle called *Salone*. The Senate have this week given out several Commissions for new Levies.

Vienna, Nov. 27. The last Advices from *Hungary* inform us, that the Turks had attempted to put a new supply of Provisions into *Gyula*, and that their Troops employed in that service advanced as far as the River *Maros*, but upon notice that General *Veterani* was marching towards them, they gave over that design, and returned to *Temeswaer*. The same Letters tell us, that a Party of the Imperialists had made an Incursion almost as far as *Temeswaer*, and brought back a good Booty, and divers Prisoners. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is shortly expected here from *Germany*, and General *Caprara* from *Hungary*; and when they arrive a great Council of War will be held: In the mean time Orders are given for making Recruits, and other Necessary Preparations for the next Campagne. The Emperor has named the Count *de Martinitz* to go his Envoy Extraordinary to *Poland*, to assist at the General Dyet of that Kingdom, which is to meet at *Warsaw* about the middle of the next month.

Hamburgh, Dec. 3. They write from the Court of *Poland*, that the Electoress of *Bavaria* begun her Journey for *Flanders* the 13th of the last month, which she would take by the way of *Berlin*; and the Letters from the place last mentioned say, her Electoral Highness was daily expected there.

Cologne, Dec. 7. The Quarters are Regulated for the *Brandenburg* Troops which are to Winter in this Dioceses, and to morrow the Battalion of *Dorsling* is expected here. Things are at present very quiet on the *Upper-Rhine*: The Deputies of the Neighbouring States are assembled at *Francfort*, to adjust matters for the next Campagne; and the Discourse continues, that the Circle of *Franconia* design to take some more Troops into their Pay.

Liege, Dec 8. One of our Parties met this week, in the Country of *Condros*, 80 of the Enemy, and routed them, killing 30 upon the place, and taking as many Prisoners.

Paris, Dec. 6. The Duke *de Vendosme*, General of the Galleys, is arrived here from *Provence*, as also several Sea Officers from *Toulon*, and the Mareschal *de Tourville* is daily expected. We are told from *Brest*, that they are fitting out there 4 Men of War of the best Sailers to cruise during the Winter; The Officers and Seamen whereof are to be paid by those Persons who are to have the advantage of the Prizes they take; But in all probability they will in a short time grow as weary of this Trade as others have done, who are so discouraged by the great losses they have suffered, that there are now but few Privateers abroad. The Poll Tax is resolved on; and they have now under Consideration the Method of raising it, to which end Lists are ordered to be sent up from all the Provinces of the Names of all the Inhabitants, with an Account of the substance of every Person; The lowest payment is to be 10 Sols a Head, which is to be increased according to every Mans Quality and Estate, and none, from the Princes of the Blood to the meanest Peasant, or Servant, are to be exempted, except such as receive Alms; And this Tax is to be continued during the War. They talk here likewise of raising Money by a Lottery, but 'tis thought it will not take effect. The French King has appointed 8 General Officers, who, under the Title of Inspectors, are to take an Account of all the French Troops in their respective