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Genova, Decemb. 24. N. S.

THE Advices from *Provence* say, the French are fitting out their Ships at *Theoulon*, that most of them are careen'd, and that Sea-men are coming thither from their Ports

on the Ocean. The four French Men of War that were lately at *Tunis* are returned to *Theoulon*. On the 22th came into our Road a French Man of War of 40 Guns from *Leghorn*, who sailed the same Evening to the Westward.

Milan, Decemb. 28. Our Governor the Marquis de *Leganes* intends shortly to take a Review of the Forces of this State at the places where they are quartered. The Officers are called upon to hasten their Recruits; and Orders are given to prepare the Train of Artillery for the Service of the next Campaign. The Fortifications of *Casale*, as well those of the Cittadel, as the Town and Castle are quite demolished.

Venice, Decemb. 30. The Captain-General has sent the Senate an Account of the State of the Fleet and Army, and presses them to dispatch the Supplies of Ships, Men and Provisions designed for the next Years Service, that he may be in a Condition to make some Attempt upon the Enemy early in the Year: And upon this Representation it has been resolv'd to use all possible diligence, as well to compleat the Levies, as to fit out the new Men of War and Gallies; and they are likewise preparing a great Convoy, which may be ready to sail the next Month, with Provisions and Stores, and such new-raised Men as shall come hither by that time. The last Letters from *Dalmatia* say, all is quiet on that side, the Enemy's Garisons being so drained by the Detachments sent from thence to *Hungary*, that they are not in a Condition to draw out any Troops into the Field; which is the reason they have at present wholly laid aside the Thoughts of attacking *Titul*, though it be a place they very much desire to re-gain, because being in the hands of the Imperialists, it does greatly annoy them. We are told from *Turkey*, by the way of *Ragusa*, that though the Sultan was returned to *Constantinople*, the Grand Viscier remained on the Frontiers towards *Hungary*, to give Orders about disposing the Troops

in their Winter Quarters, and to hasten the Preparations for the next Summer; and that he had dispatched Commissaries to all the Provinces of the Ottoman Empire to raise Men. The Ambassadors of this State to the King of *England* will certainly set out before the end of the next Month, with a great and noble Attendance.

Vienna, Decemb. 31. The States of the *Lower Austria* are to meet here the 9th of this Month, to give the Emperor a Supply for the War, and to raise Recruits for his Forces in *Hungary*. The Count de *Harrach* is gone with the Character of Envoy Extraordinary from this Court to the Elector of *Saxony*, to finish the Treaty about the Forces His Electoral Highness is willing to send, to re-inforce those he has already in the Emperor's Service: And 'tis said he is likewise to make Proposals to His Electoral Highness about the Command of the Imperial Army in *Hungary* next Campaign. Prince *Lewis of Baden* is expected here the next Week; and several General Officers are sent for, to assist at the Council of War that will be held here after his Arrival. The Place of Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, vacant by the Death of the Count de *Windischgratz*, is not yet disposed of; it belonging to the Elector of *Mentz*, as Chancellor of the Empire, to nominate the Person to succeed therein. The Letters from *Peter-Varadin* and other Places on that side tell us, though the Turks have very strong Garisons at *Belgrade* and *Temeswaer*, none of their Parties have of late appeared, to give our Troops any Disturbance, their chief Care seeming to be to secure their own Frontier-places.

Frankfort, Jan. 8. The French having posted a considerable number of their Troops near the *Rhine*, the Country-people apprehended they would with the first great Frost have passed that River, and made an Incurision on this side; but the Thaw we have had for several days has put an end to those Fears; though without it, sufficient Care was taken by the Allies to secure the Country, by quartering their Forces in such places as were most proper for that purpose; and had the Frost continued, the Imperial Hussars were ready to have made the French the first Visit. In the mean time, the Germans have re-inforced the Garisons of *Strizheim* and *Eppingen*, which lye most exposed to the Enemy.

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