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Turin, December 22. N. S.

**T**HE Duke of Savoy has begun to make a Reform in his Cavalry, having order'd 15 Men to be Disbanded out of every Troop. The French have delivered up *Montmelian* and *Susa* to his Royal Highness; and are now at work to demolish the Cittadel of *Pignerol*, 3 of the Bastions being already ruined: But at the same time they go on with their design of Building a new Fort at *Fenestrelle*. The Duke of Savoy intends to go on Monday next to *Nizza*, to view that Garison; He has given the Government of Savoy to the Marquis de *Bagnasco*.

Venice, Dec. 28. Signior *Delfino*, Proveditore-General of *Dalmatia*, is arrived here, having left the Command of the Forces of the Republick in that Country in the Hands of Signior *Mocenigo*. The Advices from *Constantinople* of the 13th of the last month, say, The Turkish Fleet was come within the *Dardanilli*; That the accounts they had received at the Ottoman Port, of the Transfactions in Europe in relation to a general Peace, did give them a great Jealousie that it might be made without them, and that this would probably induce them, to be before-hand, in treating for themselves. The Senate here continue their Application, in making the necessary Provision for carrying on the War the next Year, and intend to employ a greater Force against the Enemy, both by Sea and Land, than they did the last.

Warsaw, Dec. 26. The Envoy of *Moscow* residing here, has communicated to divers of the Nobility and others (to the end the same may become publick) the Resolution which the Czar his Master has taken, to make War upon this Kingdom, in case they chuse the Prince of *Conti*, or any other Subject of *France*, to be their King, because that Nation joins with, and assists the Common Enemy, against the Interests of all Christendom. The Confederated Forces continue together. The *Tartars* are still in a Body in *Moldavia*, and it's feared they intend to make another Ravage on our Frontiers.

Vicenza, Jan. 2. The States of the Lower *Austria* are to meet here the next week, to raise Money for the War. The Bishop of *Salsona*, Ambassador from *Spain* arrived here two days ago. They write from *Hungary*, that two or 3000 *Turks* were drawn together on the Frontiers near *Caransebes*, with a Design to have made an Excursion into the Emperor's Territories, but the breaking of the Frost disappointed it. 'Tis said, that of the Emperor's Forces which return from *Italy*, 14000 Men will be employed the next Summer in Conjunction with the other Imperial and Confederate Forces on the *Upper Rhine*.

Frankfort, Jan. 9. The Deputies of the Six Circles will break up their Assembly to morrow, but intend to meet again at the opening of the Campaign; They have writ to the Kings of *Denmark* and *Sueden*, to desire they will supply them with some Troops, upon such Conditions as shall be agreed on, towards forming the Army of 60000 Men, which the said Circles have resolved

to bring into the Field the next Summer, under the Command of Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, and to maintain at their own Charge. The French Troops that are posted near the *Rhine*, and who have provided for some attempt, have not yet made any motion, and 'tis likely the good posture they see the *Germans* are in to observe them, has broke their measures.

Paris, Jan. 11. By the last Letters from *Brest* of the 4th instant, N. S. Monsieur *Pointy* was with his Squadron still in that Road, detained by bad Weather and contrary Winds: 'Tis confirmed that of the 8 Men of War that sailed the 27th of the last Month from *Brest* for *Rocheport*, 4 were driven ashore on the Coast of *Brittany*, 3 of these got off again, but received very great damage, and the 4th, called the *Couragueux*, of 60 Guns, is lost; Of the other 4 that kept the Sea, there is yet no News. The French King has appointed Commissioners to examine the Titles of all Gentlemen, and to set Fines upon such as pretend to that Quality, and cannot make out their Right to it; which gives a great allarm to the whole Body of the Gentry, to see themselves exposed to this new kind of Inquisition; but this and many other Oppressive Methods the French Court is forced under their present Necessities, to make use, for supplying the Expences of the War. Great Complaints come likewise daily from the Country, of the Violences committed by the Officers in raising their Recruits, they taking every where by force what Men they like; all which makes the Wishees for Peace very universal in this Kingdom. The last Letters from the French Ambassador in *Poland* do not give so much hopes, as his former, of the Prince of *Conti*'s Election; The Party for Prince *James*, Son to the last King, encreasing every day, and the Prince of *Conti*'s lessening, though great Sums of Money have been distributed to support the latter. 'Tis said here, that the King of *Spain* continues in an ill state of Health.

Brussels, Jan. 13. The Officers of this Garison received Orders the last week, to keep the Troops under their Command in a readiness, to march upon the first command; This was occasioned by the advice that came from the Frontiers, that the Enemy had drawn together a Body of 18000 Men between *Tournay* and *Courtray*, and had Cantoned them in the Villages; but since that, we understand these Troops are ordered back to their former Quarters, except two Battalions only, who are left at *Tournay* to reinforce that Garison. We have advice likewise, that the *Mareschal de Boufflers* arrived the 6th instant at *Lisse*; and that the French Commissary at *Courtray* has received Orders to provide a great Magazine of Forage in that Place, and that he has accordingly sent out Summons to the Villages round, to bring in all their Hay. They write from *Ghent*, that for the greater Security of that City they are making an Intrenchment between the *Lys* and the *Schelde*, in the same manner as was done the last Year by Order of the Prince of *Vaudemont*, to cover *Bruges*.

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