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Rome, Dec. 25. N. S.

THE Pope held a Secret Consistory last week, in which he thanked the Cardinals for the good Opinion they had of him, which they shewed by Electing him to fill the Papal Chair; He represented to them at the same time, how difficult an Office they had put upon him, and desired their constant Advice and Assistance to enable him to discharge it, in such manner as might be most for the Advantage of the Church; He acquainted them, That the Investiture of the Kingdom of Naples is demanded of him, as well by the Emperor as by the new King of Spain; But that he had yet given no particular Answer to either, it being a Matter of great weight, which he would refer to a Congregation to examine; And that in the mean time he had approved of what Signior *Davia*, Nuncio in Spain, did, in protesting against that part of the late King's Will which disposed of the Kingdoms of Naples and Sicily, they being Fiefs belonging to the Church of Rome. Two days ago the Pope accordingly called together a Congregation of Twenty two Cardinals, who all have been employed in the Ministry and as Nuncios abroad, to consider of this Affair, but their Resolutions are kept very secret. Last week the Pope visited the Four Churches, where Indulgences were distributed during the Jubilee; and yesterday he ended the Jubilee, by shutting up the Holy Gate of St. Peter's Church; and the like Ceremony was performed at the Church of St. John de Lateran by Cardinal *Basilion* as Dean, at St. Paul's by Cardinal *Pamphilio* the Arch-Priest, and at St. Mary's by Cardinal *Moriggia*, who all had the Title of Legates given them upon this occasion. The Pope has given 4000 Crowns to the Hospital of the Trinity, towards defraying the Expences they have been at in entertaining the poor Pilgrims, who came hither on account of the Jubilee. The Venetian Ambassador has presented to the Pope the Instrument, by which the Senate of Venice have admitted his Brother and Nephews into the Body of their Nobility, which was kindly received. The Obsequies of the late King of Spain were begun the 23d Instant in the Church of St. James, in the presence of the French and Spanish Ambassadors, and of all the Cardinals and Prelates, and other persons of Quality of both Nations.

Vienna, Decemb. 20. The Letters from *Livonia*

say, the Muscovite Army is quite dispersed since their late Defeat at *Narva*, and that the King of Sweden had thoughts of marching with the greatest part of his Forces towards *Riga*, in order to retake the *Dunamunder* and the *Kober* Forts, and the Fortrefs of *Kockenhuysen*, from the Saxons.

Warsaw, Decemb. 24. The King of Poland has been several days with the Cardinal Primate at *Lowitz*, and returned hither this day. Prince *Sapielha*, the Great General of *Lithuania*, is shortly expected here from *Coningsberg*, and 'tis said the King is resolved to assist him against the Confederate Nobility of that Dutchy, who shew at present very little inclination to adjust Matters with the House of *Sapielha*, and at a late General Meeting declared, That they have forfeited all their Honours and Dignities, and elected the young Prince *Wiernowsky* to be Great General of *Lithuania* in the Place of Prince *Sapielha*, the Sieur *Ogin-sky* Lieutenant-General of that Dutchy, and Governor of *Wilna*, in the room of the Sieur *Sluscka*; and the Sieur *Kociel* Great Treasurer, in the Place of one of Prince *Sapielha's* Brothers. They write from *Prussia*, that the General Diet of that Province was assembled some days ago, and that the Deputies from the Nobility have consented to a considerable Supply to be given for the Payment of the Army of the Crown, but the Deputies from the several Cities, have not yet agreed thereunto.

Stockholm, December 29. The Senate of this Kingdom have received by Express a Letter from the King of Sweden, dated at *Narva* the first Instant, by which His Majesty acquaints them, That with the Blessing of God he has obtained an entire Victory over the Czar of Muscovy, having after a very obstinate Fight forced his Camp before *Narva*, which was very well entrenched, and totally routed his Army; That the greatest part of the *Moscovites* were killed or taken Prisoners, and that among the latter were most of the Czar's General Officers; That the Swedes took all the Enemy's Artillery, Baggage, Ammunition, and other rich Booty; Of which great Action, a more full and particular Account is daily expected here.

Vienna, January 1. The Regiments of Foot, commanded by Count *Guido* of *Starchenburg* and the Count of *Dass*, are marching of Hungary towards *Tirol*; And several other Regiments that are quartered in the Hereditary Countries, will begin their march the same way about the middle of this Month; A considerable Train of Artillery is provided for the Service of these Forces, which together will amount to above 3000 Men, under the Command of Prince *Eugene* of Savoy; And for this purpose several Pieces of Cannon have been brought hither from *Raab*, and other Places in *Hungary*. A Treaty is concluded with the Bishop of *Salzburg*, who has engaged to furnish the Imperial Troops with Bread in their Passage through his Territories.

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