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Rome, Jan. 15. N. S.

THE Pope labours all he can to accommodate Matters between the Emperor and France, and more particularly to preserve the Peace of Italy; But the Emperor appears resolv'd to assert his Right. The Pope has made Signior *Horatio Albani*, his Brother, Intendant-General of the Forts and Fortifications in the Ecclesiastical State, and he is gone to view the same, and to give Directions for making such Repairs there-in as are found necessary. A Consistory met the 11th Instant, in which the Pope performed the Ceremony of giving the Hat to Cardinal *Archinto*. Cardinal *Fourbin* had Audience of the Pope some days ago concerning the Spanish Affairs, and was with him about 3 hours. Signior *Pignatelli*, the Pope's Nuncio in Poland, is recalled from that Employment; 'Tis said, he will be made Secretary to the Congregation of Bishops, and that Signior *Patriti* will be sent to Poland in his room. The Imperial Ambassador is preparing to make his Publick Entry, but in this Matter is Dispute between the Ambassadors at this Court and the Governor of Rome, who pretends that the Precedency of them, may be first adjusted; The Pope at the same time continues his Resolution of maintaining the Governor in this Pretension, and designs to write to the Emperor, to desire he will give Orders to his Ambassador to yield this Point.

Milan, Jan. 19. The Count *de Tuffi* is treated at this Court with abundance of Respect, and the Prince of *Venemour* gives him the Hand; but divers Persons of Quality here begin to be uneasy to see all Matters governed by his Direction. He is gone with the Marquis *de la Sabazie* to view the Passes along the River *Adas*, the Lake *Majore*, and the Lake of *Como*. 'Tis said, several new Forts will be built to cover the Frontiers of this State towards *Tirol* and *Switzerland*. The French Battalions, which lately land'd at *Final*, and at *Vado* in the Territories of *Genova*, are on their march hither, and Quarters of Refreshment are provided for them. This State is to furnish them from time to time with a certain quantity of Bread, Flesh, Wood, and Straw, which amounting to a very considerable Sum, our Senate have under Consideration how to raise the Money that is necessary for supporting this Expence. Commissions are given out for the raising of seven Companies of Foot to be added to the Regiment of *Bon-*

Venice, Jan. 21. Cardinal *Lamberg* arriv'd here yesterday from Rome; his Business is to engage this Republick in the Emperor's Interest; And Cardinal *d'Esteves* came hither this day, to manage a like Negotiation in favour of France. In the mean time the new Levies are continu'd for the Service of this State, and other Preparations made for the Security of our Frontiers, and to oppose as is given out the Passage of the Emperor's Forces into Italy, though 'tis more probable that this Republick will endeavour to remain Neuter, and not give any hindrance to the Germans, seeing the French Forces are first sent into Italy; which may likewise more incline other Princes of Italy towards the Emperor's Interest. General *Cornaro* is arriv'd on the Coast of *Istria* with 3 Venetian Gallies from the *Morea*, and is shortly expected in this City.

Madrid, Jan. 13. The Count *de Harrach*, the Emperor's Ambassador, having received Orders to return to Vienna, is accordingly preparing for his departure; He has delivered to the Cardinal *Porto-Carrero*, a new Protestation against the Will of the late King of Spain, as far as it relates to the Spanish Succession. The Count *d'Avantberg*, who was to have succeeded him as the Emperor's Ambassador, will continue here as a private Person. 'Tis said, the new King of Spain (who is expected at *Tiron* the 22d Instant, and at *Madrid* about the 20th of the next Month) has writ to the Regency, to acquaint the Foreign Ministers here, that they do acknowledge him, or depart from *Madrid* before his arrival. The Queen

is preparing to leave the Royal Palace, and to remove to that belonging to the Duke *de Monteleone*. The Prince of *Darmstadt* is discharged from the Government of *Catalonia*, which 'tis said will be given to Count *Palma*, Nephew to Cardinal *Porto-Carrero*; and 2 German Regiments that are quartered in that Province are dismissed out of the Service of this Crown, and ordered to march to *Gallicia*, from whence they will be sent by Sea to *Holland*, in order to return to *Germany*. The Regents have begun to cause the Arms of *Portugal* to be placed in the Scutcheon of the Arms of *Castile*. Orders are sent to the Governor of *Gibraltar*, to sound the depth of Water in that Port, and to send up an Account thereof.

Warsaw, Jan. 23. The Senate of Poland met here the 17th Instant, and the King propos'd the following Points to their Consideration; 1. To consider of the most effectual Way to put an end to the Troubles in *Lithuania*; 2. Whether to acknowledge the new King of *Prussia*; 3. To fix the Time for the Meeting of the General Diet; and, 4. What Answer to return to the Queen-Dowager of Poland, who desires to continue some time longer at Rome. Upon the Debate whereof, the Senate appear inclin'd, to desire the King to take the House of *Sapieha* into his Protection, and as an Inducement thereunto, those Princes, and the Princes of *Labomirsky* and *Radzivil*, offer to give free Quarters in their own Estates to the Saxon Forces which are now in *Cowland*. Some of the Senators are against acknowledging the King of *Prussia*, but the King of Poland and the Cardinal Primate being of the other opinion, there is like to be no difficulty in that matter. Leave will be given to the Queen-Dowager to continue at Rome, but the fixing of the Diet is not yet agreed upon. The Czar has writ a Letter to the King of Poland, wherein he expresses a willingness to enter into a Treaty of Peace with Sweden.

Vienna, Jan. 22. The new Levies are continued, for adding four Companies of 150 Men each, and one of 100 Grenadiers, to every Regiment of Foot, and two Troops to each Regiment of Horse and Dragoons now in the Emperor's Service. The Forces design'd for Italy consist in 12600 Foot, 6000 Horse, and 4000 Dragoons; They are to have their General Rendezvous in the Country of *Tirol*; and the Emperor has desired the Republick of *Venice* to give them Passage through their Territories in their march to *Milan*, and assur'd them, That effectual Care shall be taken to keep them in good Discipline, and that they shall pay in ready Money for what is furnished them by the Country People. The March of these Forces will probably be hasten'd by the News we have receiv'd, of the arrival of a considerable Body of French Troops in the *Milanese*, and that a greater number was following. The States of the *Lower Austria* have granted to the Emperor a Subsidy of 3 Millions of Florins, besides the ordinary Contributions, and have engag'd to pay his Debts, which amount to about 20 Millions. Prince *Lewis of Baden* is often in Conference with other of the Emperor's Principal Ministers; and Orders are given to provide Magazines at *Philipsburgh*, *Brissac*, and other Places, for the use of the Imperial Forces that may be employ'd on the *Rhine*. The Elector of *Bavaria* is to assist the Emperor with 10000 Men, and to maintain them 6 years at his own Charge. The Elector *Palatine* offers to put 7 or 8000 Men in the Emperor's Service. The Bishop of *Wurzburg* offers likewise a good Body of Troops; And the Emperor is treating with the King of *Denmark* for the 7500 *Danish* now in *Saxony*.

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