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Genoa, October 29. N. S.

**L**etters from Milan say, the King of Spain has put off his departure from thence till the 4th of the next Month, by reason of the ill Weather, the Rains having been so excessive for this fortnight, that several Parts of the Country hereabouts have been overflowed to that degree, that the like has not been known in the Memory of Man, and the Damage it has done is not computed at less than a Million of Dollars. The 23d Instant we had a great Storm, which forced ashore and stranded a Dutch Merchant Ship, which, with the Lading, was valued at 65000 Dollars, and two other Merchant Ships, and 4 Barks belonging to this Place; which Loss amounts by Computation to 81500 Dollars, besides Damage done to other Vessels in this Port, to the value of 3500 Dollars: On board the Barks were 300 Spanish Soldiers, and most of them have taken this opportunity to desert.

Venice, Nov. 11. The French Army commanded by the Duke de Vendosme decamped the 5th Instant from the neighbourhood of Luzzara in the night, without beat of Drum, and marched towards Reggolo, in order to retire into Winter Quarters; of which Prince Eugene having notice, he marched the next morning by break of day, and possessed himself of their Intrenchments; but the Weather being very thick and Misty, and the Enemy having made the Roads so wide, that they marched in whole Columns, it was not advisable for him to attack them, and he only sent out the Marquis de Vanbonne with a small Party of Hussars to get Intelligence of their March, who fell in with their Bagage, and brought to the Camp 30 Horses and a good Booty. The Troops of Savoy were marched away the day before, very much diminished by Sickness and Desertion; and we are assured, that the French and Spanish Troops are not half the number at present that they were at the beginning of the Campaign. The Imperial Forces are preparing to go likewise into Winter Quarters, and for their better Security, are fortifying Final in the Modenese, and several other Places: It is said, their Quarters will extend to the Borders of the Ferrarese, from whence they will be supplied with Provisions. Letters from Mantua say, the French have seized the Marquis of Arrigani, and several more of the principal Inhabitants of that City, upon Suspicion of holding a Correspondence with the Imperialists; And that Provision is making for 10000 Men, who are to remain in Garrison there during the Winter. Letters from Constantinople of the 22d of September give an Account, that the Calimacan, or Government of that City, was removed to the Government of Damascus, and was succeeded in that of Constantinople by Jusaph Bashaw, Governor of Candia; and that the Grand Vizier Amzia Oghi Hussayn, Bashaw, having been so indisposed a long time, that the ill State of his Health did not permit him to apply himself to Publick Affairs, he surrender'd that great Employment on the 5th of that Month, making

a Present to the Grand Signior at the same time of the best part of his Jewels, and most of his finest Horses; whereupon Dakhaban Mustafa, Bashaw of Gontaja in Asia, a Man of a Warlike Disposition, was preferred to that Post. It is said, the Port seems enclined to break with the Czar of Muscovy.

Copenhagen, Nov. 18. It is said, this Court intends to fit out a Squadron of Men of War against next Spring, in order to keep their Coasts clear of French Privateers, who will otherwise be sheltering themselves in the Creeks and Harbours of Norway, few whereof have any Forts to defend them. Letters from Stockholm, which came in yesterday, say, the Town of Nottenbourg, near the Lake Ladogos, had surrender'd to the Muscovites, after they had thrown 1700 Bombs into the Place; and that they intended to besiege Schasternyen.

Basle, Nov. 9. The Extraordinary Diet which assembled at Basle the 26th of the last Month is ended: at which the Ambassadors of France and Spain thought not fit to be present, finding by the general Disposition of the People's Affection here, little reason to hope for any Resolutions to their Satisfaction; and indeed all the Cantons, as well the Catholicks as the Protestants, are so sensible of their private as well as the publick Interest in this Cause, that they have expressed their Resentment of the late Violation of their Territory in the March of the French Army under the Marshal de Villars, who slighted the Remonstrances of the Deputies of the Cantons at Basle waiting on him on this occasion. The Cantons therefore have not only agreed upon such Measures as are proper to prevent the like for the future, but have taken the Forest Towns under their Protection, and unanimously resolved to employ their Offices with the French King, not to attempt any Place on the Rhine above Basle, nor any of those on the Lake of Constance. The Count de Trautmandorf, the Emperor's Ambassador, having Notice hereof, has thanked the Cantons for these Resolutions, so necessary for vindicating their own Honour, and securing their Frontiers, and has assured them of his Master's Disposition to Reestablish the ancient Hereditary Alliances; so that all these Steps seem to promise an entire and perfect Union between the Emperor and these Cantons. The Count de Casari, the Spanish Ambassador, being among other things not well satisfied with the Suspension of the Levy he expected, of 4000 Men for the Defence of the Milanese, parted hence a few days ago for Milan.

Ratisbonne, Nov. 16. On the 12th Instant, the Electoral College and the College of Princes resolv'd to fix the State of the War at 120000 Men, in pursuance of the Resolution taken by the first of these Colleges on the 16th of September, 1697, which the other agreed to the 5th of March following, That the Empire should maintain 80000 Men in time of Peace, and 120000 in time of War. We hear the Elector of Bavaria is erecting great Magazines of Provisions and Ammunition at Memmingen and Ulm.

Berlin, Nov. 18. Our Letters from Silesia, which came in this day, give an Account, that the King of Poland had been at Posen, to take a Review of the Saxon Forces which he is sending into the Emperor's Service, and that they are since arrived on the Borders of Silesia, where they are to be received by the Imperial Commissaries. The Swedes in Pomerania have been alarmed with the March of these Troops, fearing they might bring an Inruption into that Province, and it is believed that was the chief occasion of Count Guldensfern's return thither from Poland. Our best Advice from Cracow say, the King of Sweden was perfectly recovered of the Hurt he lately received by a Fall from

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