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From the French Camp near Lonato, Dec. 16. N. S.

WE are still in the same Camp; as is likewise the Imperial Army under the Command of Prince Eugene. We begin to find a great Scarcity of Forage; and have been obliged to send for Hay from Gato and Rivalta. The Count de Medavi passed the Mela two days ago with a Detachment of our Forces, and marched into the Neighbourhood of Brescia; of which Prince Eugene having Notice, he has sent a Reinforcement to General Visconti, who commands a Body of Imperial Troops at Rezzato, a Place situated on the Canal that goes from Brescia to the River Chiese.

Vienna, December 23. This morning Count Draskowitz, Son-in-Law to General Herbeville, arrived here; with Two Calashes full of Colours, taken from the Hungarian Malecontents in the Battle fought between Somlo and Silhai in Transylvania, which happened on the 11th of November last. He has brought Prisoner hither a French Officer called the Marquis de Bellegarde, who commanded 500 Grenadiers of that Nation, in the Service of the Malecontents. The Action lasted scarce an hour, when the Imperialists, with the Loss of about 3 or 400 Men, but of never a General or Officer of Note, forced an Intrenchment, where a Body formed of the French Troops abovementioned, and of German Defenders, was posted, which for the most part, together with 3000 Tolpazes, or Hungarian Foot, were cut in pieces by the Russians. The Hungarian Horse made their Escape. Prince Ragozki was fled towards Bistritz. Count Draskowitz came part of the Way in the Company of Count Schlick, who is expected here in 8 or 10 days. On the Road they met with Reports of a second Action between the Imperialists and the Malecontents; but can give no other Particulars than what have been formerly mentioned.

Prague, Dec. 30. Letters from Grodno give an Account, That the Czar had left that Place in order to return to Moscow. The Great Council of the Polish Nobility that continues in the Interest of the King of Poland was lately separated, having renewed the Treaty made last Year between his Majesty and the Czar.

Frankfurt, Dec. 30. We have received from Vienna by an Express the News of the Defeat of the Malecontents in Hungary; And here is a Report, That those in Bavaria having attempted on the 24th Instant to surprize Munich, were entirely routed by the Imperial Forces, a considerable Number of them being killed upon the spot, and many taken Prisoners. The Garrison of Fort Louis begins to be in great want of Provisions and other Necessaries; and such Care is taken by our Forces posted thereabouts to prevent their being supplied, that we are in hopes they will soon be obliged to surrender.

Caloge, January 1. Baron Eltz, Deap of Triers, passed yesterday through this Place, in his Return from the Hague thither. The Princess of Hesse Cassel, Daughter to the King of Prussia, died lately of the Small Pox at Cassel. The Levies in these Parts for recruiting the Confederate Forces are continued with very good Success.

Hague, January 4. N. S. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough is on his Departure for England. Our last Letters from Madrid bring the following Accounts, whereof the Reader will take Notice, by some Expressions in these Letters, the King being used instead of the Duke of Anjou, and the Arch-Duke instead of his Catholick Majesty, that it is written by an Enemy; but it is Printed verbatim, for the Reader's greater Satisfaction.

Copies of Two Letters from Valentia, received at Madrid the 14th and 17th of December 1705. N. S.

On the 2d Instant 31 Sail of the Enemys Ships came in sight of Altea; If they land any Troops, this Kingdom will be lost. We are here in the Affliction that Your Excellency may imagine, because of the Regiment of Naboth's being entirely revolted; which was the only Regiment left to curb the Garrison of Denia. The Consequence of this has been, that the Enemy have possessed themselves of Oliva, and an infinite number of other Places, and even of Gandia; the Duke of which Town was obliged to retire from thence with great Precipitation, to avoid falling into the Hands of his rebellious Vassals. We pray Your Excellency to pity the miserable Condition we are now exposed to the Insults of the Enemy, who are continually blest with Victory.

Valentia, December 11. 1705.

THIS Letter I write to Your Excellency perhaps will be the last I shall dare from this City, the Enemy being but Two Leagues off. The Confusion which this Town is in is very great, not having wherewithal to defend our selves, and having many among us who long to be in the Arch-Duke's Power. The Five Companies which were at Xativa are gone over to the Enemy. To say all in a Word, they have possessed themselves of Alzira, and are Masters of all the River of Lucar, and of the High Road from this Place to Requena. The Enemy will find abundance of Horses in this Kingdom; and if they make use of them, will again be too hard for the French. The King has sent for the Regiments of Horse of Montenegro and Medinailla, which are in Arragon, to come hither, as also the 600 Foot that landed with Velasco; but all this is in Comparison, but like a Drop of Water in the Necessity we are in at present. The Enemy's Squadron, as we believe, is designed to favour these Undertakings; but the Confusion here is so great, that we know not whether they have landed any Men or no. I am Your Excellency's, &c.

Valentia, December 14. 1705.

TMadrid, Dec. 18. 1705. at 10 in the Morning, THE News which you will find in these Advices from Valentia have put the French into the greatest Confusion; and the Marshal de Telle is gone Post for Arragon. The King has publicly declared, That his Departure should be on the 12th of next Month; but the Accidents which have happened in the Kingdom of Valentia may perhaps occasion its being put off. The Design in hand is to enter into Catalonia by Valagar, leaving Lerida on one side, to

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