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Rome, Febr. 12. N. S.

THE Cardinal de Giudice, who was Viceroy of Sicily, arrived here the 29th past from thence, and has since had Audience of the Pope, and received the Visits and Compliments of the other Cardinals and Persons of Quality that are in Town, as has likewise the Cardinal de Santa Croce, who is lately returned from his Bishoprick of Viterbo. The 7th Instant the Pope, attended by the Cardinals and other Prelates, the Senate of this City, and great Numbers of the Inhabitants, went to the Church of Ara Cœli, to give Thanks for our Deliverance from the Earthquake, which did so much Damage to other Towns in this Country, about three years ago. He had forbidden the usual Diversions of the Carnival, as not being suitable to the Condition into which Italy is brought by the present War; but the repeated Sollicitations of several Persons of Quality have prevailed with him to repeal this Order; and he permitted for several days the acting of Plays and Opera's, and other publick Entertainments. The Negotiations are continued for accommodating the Differences between the Imperial Court and this State, as likewise those with the Government of Naples upon Account of the Ecclesiastical Immunities; but little Advance is hitherto made in either of them. An Express which was lately sent to France, with Complaints about the Troops of that Crown their having taken Quarters in the Ferrarese, is returned; but brings us little Hopes of their being removed. The Great Prince, Son to the Great Duke of Tuscany, being without Issue, it is said, that the Cardinal de Medicis, his Uncle, will resign his Cardinal's Cap, and marry. Letters from Naples give an Account, That new Levies are making, in order to recruit and augment the Forces of that Kingdom.

Venice, Febr. 19. Our Carnival being ended on the 16th Instant, the Imperial and French Officers who were come hither to partake of the Diversions of that Season, are returned to their respective Commands. Our Senate daily receives great Complaints from the Brescian, the Veronese, and the Polesine, of the Disorders committed by the Troops that have taken Quarters in those Parts, particularly the French, who have lately seized considerable Quantities of Corn and other Provisions belonging to the Subjects of this State, under Pretence that they were designed for the Use of the Imperialists; and through these and other like Practices, all sorts of Provisions, both for Man and Horse, are grown so scarce and dear, that the poorer sort of the Inhabitants are hardly able to subsist. Prince Eugene is shortly expected from Vienna, to head the Imperial Forces, which will be considerably augmented this Spring by Reinforcements that are marching from Germany. The Imperialists have

lately made a great Forage about Castagneto, Paderni, and Rodevigo, and have sent a strong Detachment to the Polesine, to observe the Enemy's Troops on that side. The French on the other hand have finished their Bridge on the Chiese over against Mezano, and about 4 Miles below Montechiari; and are making another at Mati on the Adige. They have also reinforced their Troops at Badia, Canda, and other Posts along that River, which they are fortifying; as they do likewise the Town of Fratta near the River Scortico. A Tartane came in this week from Constantinople, by which we have an Account, That not long before she failed an Ambassador was come from the Sophi of Persia to the Ottoman Porte, with a very numerous Retinue, who had had Audience of the Grand Signior, and had assured him of his Master's Intentions to continue and improve the Friendship and good Correspondence between the two Empires.

Geneva, Febr. 23. The French have blown up the Fortifications of Montmeilan; and it is said, they intend to do the same thing at Nice. Some Recruits are marching from France towards Piedmont, to compleat their Forces there; but they consist chiefly of Men that have been forced into the Service, and that are very unfit for it.

Dresden, Febr. 25. General Schuylenbourg is returned hither from the Frontiers of Poland. Our last Letters from thence give an Account of the King's being marched from Warsaw towards Lowitz with a Body of 10000 Horse, to observe General Reinschild. They write from Moscow of the 3d of the last Month, That the Czar was returning from thence to Grodno with a considerable Body of Troops, in order to reinforce his Army near that Place.

Cologne, March 2. The States of this Electorate have lately resolved to erect a great Magazine of Provisions at Lintz for the use of their Forces, and that the Sum of 16000 Dollars should be employed in that Service; and Directions are already given for that purpose. Several Boats have lately passed by this Place, being laden with Ammunition, that is sent from Holland to the Upper Rhine, for the use of the Confederate Forces.

Falmouth, Febr. 25. Yesterday came in here the Great Nassaw, a Privateer of Flushing, homeward bound from Lisbon, John Lagernay Commander, who has been cruizing between the Rock of Lisbon and Cadiz: He has taken two French Prizes, one a Privateer of 16 Guns, the other a Merchant-man of 18, which came from the West Indies; and has retaken three English Merchant-men. About 10 or 12 days ago he met about 40 Sail of Merchant-men going from Ireland to Lisbon.

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