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Vienna, November 12 N. S.

THE Baron de Koch having been lately released out of the Bastille, is arrived here, and hath given the Emperor a Melancholy Account of the exceeding Hardships the Prisoners of State are forced to undergo in that Place, tho' the French are treated with all Humanity in the Milanese. This makes the Imperial Court the more impatient to have the Prince de la Riccia exchanged; he being a Nobleman of the first Rank in the Kingdom of Naples, and most zealously affected to the Interests of the House of Austria, for which reason the French treat him with particular Severities. All our Advices from Constantinople confirm the peaceable Disposition of the Port, notwithstanding the Artifices that have been used to persuade the Turks to a Rupture. General Heister having obtained leave from the Emperor to retire to his Estate in Stiria, for the Recovery of his Health, his Imperial Majesty has conferred the Command of the Army, during his Absence, on Count Palfi, who is thereupon set out from Presbourg to Buda, in order to settle the Winter Quarters, and assign the respective Posts for the Troops in those Parts. Our Letters from Presbourg inform us, that the Contagion that had appeared in several Parts of Hungary was entirely ceased in most Places, and began every Day to abate in the rest.

Brussels, November 26. N. S. The Duke of Marlborough and the Prince of Savoy set out from hence yesterday Morning on their Journey towards the Hague. The Cardinal de Bouillon made use of the Opportunity of the same Convoy, and is gone to Antwerp, where he intends to reside during the Winter. Some Funds have been agreed on, which will suffice for providing Bread and Forage, 'till January next, for the Imperial and Palatine Troops, consisting of forty six Squadrons and twelve Battalions. Several others were proposed and taken into Consideration; but that Business could not be entirely finished during his Grace's stay here. However it is hoped that the whole, which is demanded 'till May next, will be settled at the Hague, whither the Dutch Deputies that usually reside in this Town, are likewise gone to assist in that Matter. The Garrison which is appointed to Winter in this Place, is to March in this Day. We have nothing new from France concerning the Armies in Spain, since our last Advices, which being contradictory in several Particulars, we must wait for more sure and certain Accounts from other Hands.

Hague, November 25. N. S. Sir Edward Whittaker arrived in the Mace the 23d Instant, with

the Squadron appointed to Convey the Duke of Marlborough to England. The Baron de Bothmar, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Elector of Hanover, is preparing to go at the same time with his Grace on Board one of the Queen's Yachts, which is ordered to receive him. Mr. Moleworth, her Britannick Majesty's Envoy-Extraordinary to the Great Duke of Tuscany, is arrived here from England. Three Deputies are come hither from Liege, in order to solicit the States-General for a Diminution of the Contributions demanded of their Country, for the Subsistence of the Imperial Troops. The Duke of Marlborough's Baggage, and some of his Servants are arrived here. His Grace and the Prince of Savoy design to leave Brussels this Day. They will embark at Antwerp to Morrow, and are expected here the same Day, or on Thursday Morning. Some Advices from Paris relating to the Affairs in Spain, insinuate, that King Charles having passed the Tagus with his Army, was retiring into Catalonia by the way of the Kingdom of Valentia or Arragon; tho' they own at the same time, that General Staremberg continued to fortify Toledo, and to erect a Magazine in that Place. Other Letters say, that part of his Catholick Majesty's Army had passed the Tagus, but it was not known upon what Design. However it did not appear that they were retiring, since they still kept Possession both of Madrid and Toledo; and a Valet de Chambre of the Duke of Alva, who left the Enemy's Camp at Casa-TeXada the 7th Instant, has brought Letters which do not speak of the Retreat of our Army, but only mention some Movements made by several Bodies of our Troops towards Aranjuez, which seemed to be for the better Disposition of their Winter Quarters, some of our Forces being posted at Pinto, Valdemoro, and other Places in that Neighbourhood. The Duke of Vendome hath been ill of the Gout, but being upon his Recovery, he waited for a Reinforcement of the Troops under the Command of the Marquis de Bay, and when they had joined him, he proposed to harass and alarm our Posts with his Horse, which would by that junction be pretty strong, and in a better Condition than at present; but the Rains, which fall continually, incommode the Troops very much, and make it impracticable to undertake any considerable Enterprize at this Season.

Portsmouth, November 18. On the 16th Instant the Wind being fair, five Dutch Men of War, with the Dutch Merchant-men and Hamburgers under their Convoy, put out to Sea; but the Wind shifting on a sudden to the Southward and South-Weit, and blowing a fresh Gale, they were forced back to Spithead.

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