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Venice, November 21. N. S.

SIGNIOR Mathei, the Pope's Nuncio, has returned the Visits paid him by the Nobility and Foreign Ministers. Our Letters from Lombardy make great Complaints of the Damages sustained by the Inundations occasioned by the late Rains. They write from Verona, that several Persons had been drowned, and that the Digue on the Po, between Borgoforte and San Benedetto, having been broken down through the violence of the Current, a large Extent of Land was thereby laid under Water. These Inundations have much retarded the March of the Imperial Troops towards the Winter Quarters assigned them in the Milanese, and other Places. Several Commissaries are arrived at Modena, in order to settle the Quarters for the Prussian Troops, that are to remain there this Winter. They write from Rome, that the Differences between that and the Imperial Court were in a fair way of Accommodation, and that the Prince d'Avelino intended shortly to appear in Publick, as his Catholick Majesty's Ambassador. Leonard Livri, a famous Banker in that City, has lately absconded, and several Persons who had Effects of great Value in his Hands are like to suffer considerably by him. His Friends give out, that he hath received great Losses, and particularly that he was deeply concerned in the two Genoese Ships taken sometime since by the English, and carried into Port Mahon. The Count de Thaur is perfectly recover'd of his late Indisposition, but continues at Milan, nor is it yet known what time he proposeth to set out for Vienna. They write from Florence, that the Hereditary Prince of Tuscany continued on the mending hand, so that they now no longer doubt of his Recovery.

Brussels, December 8. N. S. The Letters from Spain, which should have come in last Night, have failed this Post, so that we have no certain Advices from those Parts. This want of our Letters gives great ground to suspect the News which the French have publish'd concerning what has passed in Castille. It appears by a Letter from Casa-TeXada of the 16th past, that the Duke of Anjou's Army was still there at that time, and that they did not know positively when they should March, in order to make an Attempt, or when they should receive any Money to enable them to stir from those Quarters. The Duke of Anjou was treating with the Walloon Officers upon Proposals for re-establishing that Body of Troops which was broken at the Battle of Saragosa. They offer to undertake to have their Regiments compleat by the 15th of May next; but their Demands are so high, and the Duke is so unable to furnish the Sums requir'd for that Service, that it is scarce believ'd that Project can be put in Execution. We have still Advices from France, that the Levying the Tenth Penny meets with so many Difficulties, and creates such great Disorders in that Kingdom, that it will be laid aside, and that some other Fund will be substituted in its Place. It is talked, that the *Tailles* and the Capitation-Tax will be doubled,

which will fall very heavy upon that poor People, who are already reduced to the utmost Misery.

Hague, December 9. N. S. The States of Holland are to meet on the 11th, when it is expected that they will go through all the particular Points of the Military Establishment, and State of the War for the next Year, which is now lying before them for their Consent. It is not doubted but that they will at the same time take into their Consideration the French King's Declaration of the 19th of November, for depriving the Dutch of the Benefit of their Trade with France, and granting them no more Passports for the future. This Proceeding of the French has very much incens'd the People here, and it is thought that the States may shew their Retentment, and forbid all Correspondence by Letters, and all other Commerce whatsoever with the Subjects of France. The great Advantages which the Dutch have drawn from that Trade, to the Prejudice of the French King's Dominions, and the Complaints of particular Persons, who have been at great Charges for fitting out Privateers, and have taken few or no Prizes, by reason of the many Passports granted, are the Reasons pretended by the Court of France for coming to that Resolution, but it is apprehended that there may be some other Artifice at the bottom of it. The Prince of Savoy is preparing to go to Vienna, and intends to set out to Morrow in the Evening, or the next Day. The Duke of Marlborough has not yet fixed any time for his Departure. The Yachts, with the Baron de Bothmar and British General Officers on Board, lye still Wind-bound at Helvoetduys. The News which the French give us from Spain continue to say, that his Catholick Majesty had withdrawn his Troops intirely from Madrid, and that the Duke of Anjou had retaken Possession of it by a Detachment from his Army. Some Letters say, that he design'd to move his head Quarters the 24th of November to Talavera de la Reina; and others pretend that Advice was come by Express of that Duke's being actually return'd to Madrid, and that he had been received with the Acclamations of the Common People; but other Letters from St. Sebastian and those Frontiers, contradict these Accounts, and affirm, that King Charles was still at Madrid, and that he was daily fortifying Toledo, Aranjuez, and the other Posts he has upon the Tagus. Under these Uncertainties from several Parts, we know not well what to rely on, but hope that these Reports from France will prove as false and groundless as others of the like Nature have done before. Eleven large Ships of the Dutch Squadron design'd for the Mediterranean are in a readiness to sail, and have Orders to put to Sea with the first fair Wind after the 11th instant. Two more are also equipping with all diligence for the same Service, and will follow as soon as they can possibly be fitted out.

Tarmouth, December 1. There continue in our Road divers laden Colliers and Coilers bound to the Southward, with several of her Majesty's Ships.

Deal, December 3. Here are her Majesty's Ships the *Boyne*, *Blenheim*, *Yarmouth*, *Rettorica*,