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Venice, November 28. N. S.

OUR last Letters from Constantinople advise, that Publick Rejoicings had been made there upon the Birth of the Grand Signior's Daughter, who was Born the 4th of October last. The Sultan has ordered a Reinforcement of twelve thousand Janisaries to be sent to the Troops that are posted in the Neighbourhood of Bender, and enters into such other Measures, as make us justly apprehend the Port is inclin'd to a Rupture, tho' they openly declare they will Religiously observe the Treaty of Carlowitz. We are further told, that his Czarish Majesty had demanded of the Port to have the King of Sweden dismiss'd from Bender before the end of January next, threatening otherwise to send an Army thither to dislodge him; and that the Sultan was so much offended at this Proceeding, that he had received Monsieur Poniatowski in the Quality of Envoy from King Stanislaus, and given several other Publick Instances of his Indignation. The generality of the Turks are for the War; but the better sort, and such as are Conversant in Affairs, are averse to it, upon a Consideration of the fatal Consequences that must necessarily attend it, should they be unsuccessful in the Progress of it. Upon the Arrival of the new Grand Visier Mehemet, late Bassa of Aleppo, the Muscovite Ambassador made pressing Instances to have the first Audience, but it was resolv'd, in a Divan assembled for that purpose, to give the preference to the French Ambassador, who pleaded a right to it from former Presidents, and an Article in the last Treaty between the Port and France. A Barber is condemn'd to the Gallies for having undertaken to Poison the Palatin of Kievia and Monsieur Poniatowski, at the Instigations of a Polander, who made his Escape so soon as he perceived the Design was discover'd. The Aga of the Janisaries has been depos'd; but the reasons of his Disgrace are not made Publick; nor is it known on what account Numan Bassa has been declared Seraquier of Bender, in the room of Issouf, whom the Grand Signior has sent for to Constantinople. Great Sums of Money have been extorted from Hali, one of the former Visiers, who is confined to the Island of Metilene; and as they continue to make new Demands upon him, he endeavours to evade them by pretending Idiotsim. Prince Ragotski has lately renew'd his Instances to the Port, for speedy Succours against the Imperialists, and the Grand Signior's Protection for himself and his Adherents; which we hear hath been refus'd him, tho' he had promised himself a favourable Answer upon the Encouragement he had received from his Agents at Constantinople.

Brussels, December 11. N. S. All our Advices from the Frontiers agree, that the French are very busy in raising Recruits, and give out, that they shall be in the Field the ensuing Campaign at least as early as the Allies, and thereby hinder

them from undertaking any thing considerable the next Summer; to which end the Intendants have received Orders from Court to prepare sufficient Stores of Ammunition and Forage, which they will not be able to do without much difficulty, for want of Money necessary for that purpose. These Letters add, that it was resolv'd in a Council held at Versailles the 20th of the last Month, to have several Capital Ships of War ready to Sail from Toulon by the beginning of March next, on what Enterprize is not known, tho' it is generally thought they are designed for Cadiz, in favour of the Duke of Anjou and the Affairs in Spain. They own from Paris, that the Troops designed for Roussillon have been very much retarded in their March by the great Rains, which had render'd the Rivers difficult to pass; notwithstanding which, the Duke of Noailles, who is encamped with his Forces on the Banks of the Techo, had been able to send a strong Detachment towards Roses, for the Security of a Convoy arrived there from Toulon. Our Letters from the North advise, that the King of Poland propos'd to take a Journey into Saxony this Winter; and that the Disputes relating to the Quarters for the Muscovite Troops were not yet adjust'd. The Poles pretend to have intercepted a Letter directed from the Regency of Sweden to his Swedish Majesty at Bender, wherein, among other Matters, they complain of the Calamities in which he had involv'd himself and his Subjects, by his extravagant Enterprizes, and unnecessary Absence from his Dominions. There are other Passages in this Letter so unbecoming of Subjects to their Prince, that People who are not over credulous look on it as Spurious. They write from Leipsh, that the Circles of Swabia and Franconia having excused themselves from furnishing their Contingent of Troops towards forming the Body design'd to enforce an Observation of the Neutrality in the North, they were endeavouring at Ratisbon to supply that Defect by some other Expedient. The States of Bohemia have given Orders to have the Recruits for the Imperial Forces in Hungary levied with all possible Expedition, to the end they may be early in the Field the next Campaign, which they hope will be a means to bring that War to a speedy Conclusion. The Prince of Hollein-Beck, Governor of Lille, and Monsieur Wichers, one of the States Deputies, set out from thence the 6th Instant for the Hague, under a Discharge of all the Cannon on the Ramparts. On the 5th several Detachments arrived there from Flanders, and marched from thence the Day following towards their respective Regiments that are in Garrison at Bethune, Aire, and other Places.

Dartmouth, December 12. The Eagle, a French Prize, sent in hither from Newfoundland, and several Ships belonging to this Place, laden from thence with Sugar, Indigo, Cocoa, &c. and bound to London, failed yesterday to join her Majesty's Ship the Pembroke in Torbay; as did likewise this Morning the Blessing of London, laden with Corn for Oshend.

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