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Venice, January 30. N. S.

SIGNIOR Aloisio Foscari, who has commanded as Captain-General in the Gulph, is appointed to Command the Gallies belonging to this State, and Signior Capello is to succeed him in his former Post. Complaints having been made to the Senate, that great quantities of Counterfeit Coin have been lately brought into this City, they have Prohibited the Importation of all Foreign Pieces under severe Penalties, and commanded two Coiners to be brought hither from Padua, in order to have them punished according to their Deserts. The Emperor has assur'd the Senate, that the Recruits design'd for Italy are free from all manner of Infection, and therefore he expects they shall be permitted to pass through the Territories belonging to this State, in their March from Vienna to the Milanese, to which they have hitherto seem'd very averse. They write from Naples, that her Britannick Majesty's Ships the *Sterlin-Galle*, *Grafton* and *Gosport*, were put in there; and that they saw the Turkey Fleet, under the Convoy of six Men of War, pass safe through the Channel of Malta. These Ships having taken in Provisions, and other Necessaries, are to sail speedily with the *Winchelsea* for Barcelona. A Neapolitan Man of War, and three Frigats, sail'd the 16th Instant from Naples for Reggio, where they are likewise to take in Provisions, and join the Fleet appointed to Convoy the Troops design'd for Catalonia. They write from Rome, that Prince Avellino, his Catholick Majesty's Ambassador, made his Publick Entry into that City on the 18th Instant, being attended by the Coaches of all the Persons of Distinction in Rome, except those of the Ministers and others in the Interest of France. He had afterwards a long Audience of the Pope, who made him the usual Presents of Provisions and Sweetmeats.

Lisbon, February 3. N. S. On the 29th past the Fleet under the Command of Sir John Jennings and Vice-Admiral Pieterfon, arriv'd here in ten-Days from Portsmouth; and as the Weather has prov'd very good, and the Wind favourable, we hourly expect the Arrival of the rest of the Dutch Ships and the Transports. Mr. Delavall, her Britannick Majesty's Envoy-Extraordinary to the King of Portugal, came with the Fleet, but has not yet had an Audience of his Majesty. The Earl of Portmore is at present at Alentejo, whither his Excellency went some time since to view the Regiments quartered there, and is expected back from thence the latter end of this Week.

Hanover, February 6. N. S. Monsieur de Goertz, chief Minister in the Court of Holstein Gottorp, having lately had several Conferences

here upon the present Conjunction in relation to the War in the North, set out from hence this Morning, in his return to Gottorp. The Count de Schonborn is daily expected here from Hamburg, where the Imperial Commission is at length upon the Point of being determin'd. Prince Lewis of Wolfenbittel continues in a dangerous Condition at Brunswick, where the Duke his Father has continued to reside ever since he was first taken ill. An Envoy from his Czarish Majesty has been to wait on him at that Place, sent, as it is conjectur'd, to conclude the Match between the Prince of Muscovy, and the young Princess of Wolfenbittel, Sister to the Queen of Spain. That Princess is with the Queen of Poland at Dresden, where likewise the Prince of Muscovy resides at present. Our last Letters from Leipzick advise, that the King of Poland was still there, taking all requisite Measures for the Security, and Defence of Saxony, in case it shou'd be invaded a second time by the Swedes.

Brussels, February 9. N. S. Our Letters of the 6th from Paris advise, that Monsieur Planque, a Brigadier in the French Service, arriv'd there the 4th in the Evening, with an Account, that the City of Gironne had surrendered to the Duke of Noailles on the 23d of the last Month. These Letters tell us, that that General having repair'd the Batteries which had been very much damaged by the Rains, began to fire on the Town the 14th, and having made a sufficient Breach in the Curtain of the Tower of St. Lucy on the 19th, the Besiegers prepared the necessary Dispositions for an Assault on the Body of the Place; accordingly they mounted the Breaches the 23d in the Morning, and after a very vigorous Resistance from within, obliged the Besieged to retire into a Retrenchment thrown up behind the Breach, and with much difficulty made themselves Masters of a Gate. The Duke de Noailles was making new Dispositions for attacking that Retrenchment, when the Count de Tattenbach, Governor of the Place, apprehending he shou'd be over-power'd by Numbers, sent the Count de Lecheraine to Capitulate for the Town, which the Duke de Noailles having agreed to, it was concluded the Governor shou'd retire with the Garrison into the Forts, which were likewise to be surrendered on the 31st, in case they receiv'd no Succours by that time; the Garrison being to March out with the usual Marks of Honour; to have four Brass Cannon and two Mortars, and an Allowance of Ammunition for ten Discharges to every Soldier. The French own the Garrison made a very brave Defence, in Consideration of which the Duke de Noailles thought it reasonable to grant 'em such honourable Conditions. By Letters of the 7th from Valenciennes we are inform'd, that Marshal Villars was arrived two Days before at Amiens, in order

