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Venice, December 11.

BY a Vessel arriv'd here from the *Levant*, we are told, that the Captain Bassa is at present with his Fleet in the *Archipelago*, having carefully avoyded all occasions of meeting with the French Squadron, which is still plying thereabouts; they farther tell us, that the Gallies of *Máltha*, with other of the Christian Gallies, notwithstanding their Fleet, continue to do much damage to the Turks in those parts. From *Candia* they write, that the Bassa of that place, finding what ill effects his too rigorous Government was like to have, in causing several people to quit the place, &c. had of late very much changed his Carriage, so that he began to be more agreeable to those Inhabitants.

We are now assured from all hands, that the disorders in *Asia* are wholly appeas'd; that the Faction at *Constantinople* is dispers'd, the Sultaness and her Son being both dead; that the Grand Vicer was at present there, settling things according to the Grand Signiors Order, who having compos'd these Domestick differences, it is thought, may now bend his thoughts for some Foreign War, for which, we are told, of great preparations are making in all his Dominions, and that his Forces begin to move again towards the Frontiers of *Poland* and *Hungary*, as is feared, with intentions to prosecute the designs, they have long had against those Countries.

Vienna, December 12. From the Port they not only write with much certainty, of the disorders in *Arabia* being appeas'd, and the Faction at *Constantinople* being dispers'd, but farther, that the Grand Signiors Forces are all order'd to march towards our Frontiers; and that he will have a very considerable Army in the Field against Spring, to be employ'd either against the Poles, for the protection of the *Ukraine*, or *Hungary*, for the assistance of the Rebels there; which reports, although they seem to make little impression here, as being without any ground, yet we are told, of an Army of 50000 Men, we shall have ready to put into the Field by Spring, if there should happen to be any occasion for them.

Dantzicke, Decemb. 12. The Polish Army having received all possible satisfaction in several matters concerning their Winter Quarters, the Chief Officers are come to *Warsaw*, with intentions to pass the Winter at the Court, but the King fearing, lest in their absence, some evil Spirits may foment new discontents among the Army, and so cause them to fall into disorder again, hath lately published an Edict, by which all Officers are command'd to repair to their respective Commands, and not to stir thence, without leave first obtained from him or their General.

From *Warsaw* some Letters speak, of a Turkish Chiaus lately arriv'd there with Letters, in which they say, the Port seems to threaten that Kingdom with a War, unless they retire their Forces out of

the *Ukraine*, which Country the Grand Signior pretends to have taken under his protection; but this is not altogether believ'd by some, who think these reports onely set on foot, for the disposing the several Provincial Assemblies (which are held at present for the framing Instructions for the Deputies they send to the Great Dyet appointed at *Warsaw* the 26 of the next Month) the more readily to concur for the supplying the Kings present necessities, and the enabling him to have a good Army in the Field against Spring, as well for the defence of the Kingdom, against all Foreign attempts; as the farther reducing the *Ukraine*.

Our Letters from *Riga* of the 28 past, tell us, that they had advice there from *Moscow*, that the Rebels continue still very powerful in the parts about *Astracan*, of which places, as well as several others, they still keep possession; that some of the lesser Towns upon the *Volga*, having upon promise of pardon, submitted themselves to the Czars Authority, had, contrary to what they expected according to their Capitulation, been very severely Treated by the Czars Officers, most of the Inhabitants having been cruelly killed, and others put to the most exquisite torments; that the report of this hard usage, coming to *Astracan*, and the other places thereabouts, in the possession of the Rebels, had so exasperated them, that they immediately went out in several parties; and had destroyed the Countrey, and whatever else they met with, to about forty Leagues of *Moscow*; they farther write, that they were since grown to that abominable insolence, as to demand, that the present Czar may be depos'd, the old Patriarch, who was some years since banish'd, restored; that they keep possession of such Towns and Places at present in their hands, with several other things, too extravagant to be related; so that after all we fear, the affairs of those Countries are not in so good a condition, as hath been of late reported.

Leghorne, Decemb. 14. Here are in Port the *Mary Rose* and *Success* Frigats, who may in three or four days be ready to Saylor with several Merchant men under their Convoy for *Spain* and *England*; The 12 instant departed hence the *Fohn* and *Thomas* for *Messina* and *Smirna*, together with the *African* Pink for *Tunis*.

By a Vessel arriv'd from *Palermo* in *Sicily*, we have this account, of what had lately happened there; That the Inhabitants, who began now more and more to feel the want of Corn, which that Kingdom hath for several Months been oppress'd with, having first on all occasions proclaimed their discontents and grievances, and then loudly complain'd against the Government, because they had not taken care by a timely provision, to prevent this scarcity of Grain, at length, finding no redress, but that the mischief still grew upon them, fell into great disorder, that they went in Tumults to the Palace, to demand of their Vice-Roy the Prince *de Ligne*, what was impossible for him on that sudden to supply, a Provision of Corn, in which their wilde demands, not being presently satisfied, they proceeded to threatenings, and other rude carri-