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Naples, December 20, N. S.

ON the 12th, a Train of 22 Pieces of large Brass Cannon were brought from the Fortrefs of Capua to this Arsenal, which immediately were added to the 25 Pieces lately cast here, and design'd for a Train of 47 Guns for Battery. For this Purpose a Number of Carpenters and Blacksmiths are set to Work, to make with great Expedition new Carriages for these Cannon and some Mortars. On the 13th the Prince Borghese took Place for the first Time before the King as Grandee of Spain of the first Rank, at which Function the Grandees of the Kingdom, Nobility, &c. attended. On the 14th arrived here from Paris the Family of the Duke di Castropignano, the King's Ambassador at that Court: He is soon expected, being recalled, 'tis said, in order to command the Body of 12000 Men prepared here for an Expedition. On account of the Price of Oil and Corn lately increased in this Kingdom, occasioned by the Exportation thereof granted to the French, some Murmurs have happened in this City on the Part of the Populace. The Government, to prevent greater Inconveniencies, has laid an Embargo on all Vessels in this Port and Coast.

Naples, Dec. 27, N. S. The Troops that this Court has ordered to be ready for a March, consist of seven Regiments of Foot and two of Cuirassiers and Dragoons, and are those which the King of Spain lent to the King of Naples. A Project has been proposed to the King to grant his Pardon to a very great Number of Persons, who for different Crimes have taken Refuge in the Churches and Convents of this Kingdom, on Condition that they should serve the King as Soldiers for a certain limited Time: This Project has been referred by the King to the Council of State, and it is thought that it will take Place. On the 21st M. Casoli was by Direction of the Court dispatched to Brescia to purchase 12000 Barrels for Muskets. In Consequence of the Treaty of Commerce lately stipulated between the King and the Porte, the respective Subjects have begun to enjoy the Benefit of it by the Trade which they have commenced from Brindisi to Ragusi, cross the Adriatick Sea.

Rome, Dec. 24. On the 19th the Pope held a private Consistory, in which he declared the Reconciliation with the Court of Portugal, and at which 12 Bishops of that Kingdom were acknowledged.

Florence, Jan. 8. On the 2d a Cabinet Courier was dispatched by the Regency to Vienna, it is said to inform the Great Duke

of Provisions lately seized by the Neapolitan Garrison of Orbitello in his Dominions, as well as the Motions which are making by the Court of Naples, in order to receive the necessary Instructions. On the 3d a Council of War was held, in Consequence of which, M. de la Tour, Major of the Lorrain Regiment of Foot Guards, and M. Warren, Colonel of the Artillery, were dispatched to Leghorne. A Detachment of 200 Soldiers out of the Tuscan Regiment of Foot Guards was ordered from Leghorne to reinforce the Garrison of Grosseto; and a Courier was sent to Marquis Salviati, the Tuscan Governour of the Fortrefs of Siena, to deliver it to the Commanding Officer of the German Troops there. Three Companies of German Cuirassiers are ordered from Pisa to Siena, whither the necessary Artillery, Ammunition, &c. are ordered, to put that Fortrefs into a Posture of Defence.

Brussels, Jan. 14, N. S. The Prince of Wolfembuttel set out from hence Yesterday for Charleroy to view the third Battallion of his Regiment, and will proceed from thence to take a Survey of the chief Towns of these Countries. M. de Dieu, Commissary from the States General of the United Provinces at the Congress at Antwerp, having obtained Leave from his Principals to return to Holland for a Month or two upon his own private Affairs, he intends to set out forthwith on his said Journey thither.

Whitehall, December 20, 1740.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, that several Persons, with Arms, have lately come in the Night Time into the Pastures belonging to the Inhabitants of Paddington, in the County of Middlesex, and killed and carried away great Numbers of Sheep grazing there; and that particularly on Friday the 28th of November last, between the Hours of Nine and Eleven at Night, notwithstanding the said Inhabitants have been at a great and constant Expence in employing Men to watch their Sheep and other Cattle, four Persons in the Habits of Soldiers, armed with Muskets and Bayonets, entered the Grounds of Martin Geages, at Paddington aforesaid, seized his Servant who was watching there, and beat and wounded him in an inhuman Manner, and took a Fowling Piece from him, and having tied and left him for dead, caught two Sheep, which they skinned and carried away: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Crimes aforesaid, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any of them, that shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof, and also a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid; payable upon the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders.

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And as a farther Encouragement for such Discovery as aforesaid, the Inhabitants of Paddington do promise the Sum of Ten Pounds to any Person or Persons making the

