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**P**EOPLE were surprized here at the groundless Reports that were spread in several Places, of the Designs and Warlike Preparations of the Schach of Persia, and of the imminent Danger of this Empire, as if we were upon that Account under a Necessity of making great Preparations on this Side. It is true that the said Schach had by several Motions given a Handle to conjecture, that he had some hostile Intentions against certain mountainous Countries contiguous to the Frontiers, and under the Protection of Russia, in order to make Amends for his unsuccessful Expedition against the Dagistans. But he presently shewed, that it was by no Means his Intention to undertake any Thing against Russia, and that he knew his own Strength too well to think of measuring it with her's; as the Troops, which are always in those Parts to cover the Frontiers on that Side, are abundantly sufficient to oppose any Enterprize on his Part, and even entirely to defeat it, without the necessary Warlike Preparations in other distant Places suffering the least Diminution or Diversion thereby. And therefore it was never thought needful to make any farther Dispositions upon the Frontiers of Persia on this Side, than only at all Events to bring the Regiments stationed by Astrachan near together, and to send a Major-General to fill up the Place of one that died there. The Schach must naturally have reflected so much the more hereupon; as at that Time, according to our latest Advices, the Dagistan Nations, Inhabitants of the Mountains, (which are 70,000 fighting Men strong, and either act constantly against the Schach, or are kept under his Jurisdiction by Force only) desired to submit themselves to the Government of the Empress of Russia, and to be received by their Deputies, (whom they sent for that Purpose) into her Imperial Majesty's Protection, as her Subjects. These People alone are in a Condition to restrain the Schach from any Enterprize against the Russian Frontiers (in Case he were to suffer himself to be drawn into such an absurd Attempt) and to give him so much Work, that he would have Reason to lay aside all other Views, and think of defending his own Possessions. And as being fully sensible of all this, he has of late given here many Assurances of his Friendship: And besides, from the Schach's own Situation, his Army being reduced to 20,000 Men, fatigued and infirm by the tedious and unsuccessful Expedition against the Dagistans, and especially from the above-mentioned Circumstances, the Reports of the Schach's great Preparations, and of the imminent Danger of this Empire, are sufficiently confuted. Wherefore, it was judged necessary to inform the Pub-

lick of this Affair for the Confutation of all false Reports spread in relation thereto.

*Oporto, Feb. 2.* Yesterday Morning the Fleet from England, under Convoy of his Britannick Majesty's Ship Success, arrived off this Bar, and in the Afternoon all the Vessels bound hither got safe in, when the Success proceeded to Lisbon with the Ships bound to that Harbour.

*Lisbon, Feb. 12.* The 7th Instant the King had another Fit, but upon Bleeding his Majesty soon came to himself, and since remains just as he was before.

*Newbourg in the Upper Palatinate, Feb. 6.* From the Time that Prince Lobkowitz came hither from Prague, the Enemy has been retreating, having abandoned one Place after another. General Fin has had Orders to advance farther on with some Regiments to dislodge the Enemy. Forgatsch is gone upon some Errand. Festetitz blockades Egra. Last Sunday all the Magistrates of the Upper Palatinate were summoned hither, and the Contributions for the Army were settled with them. The French General Lavard having Notice of the Approach of our Infantry, abandoned Weiden with 200 Men the 31st past; whereupon Colonel Piosasco marched with 100 in Pursuit of them; and killed some, and took an Officer and 16 Soldiers Prisoners without the Loss of a Man. The said Place of Weiden being the chief Passage in the Palatinate towards Amberg, we have put a small Garrison into it for the Defence of the Bridge. The Enemy has likewise abandoned Scwandorf, Naaburg, Pfeimbt, Lierschenzeid, and Falkenberg, and consequently the whole Course of the Naab, so that all Communication between Egra and the French Army is now cut off. Since our Arrival in these Parts we have taken above an Hundred of the French Prisoners.

*Vienna, Feb. 18, N. S.*

*Translation from the German of Count Traun's Relation of the Action at Campo Santo.*

**T**HE Enemy having very unexpectedly resolved to pass the Panaro, and actually put this Plan in Execution the 3d Instant near Campo Santo, I march'd the same Day with Ten Battalions and a Part of the Cavalry to Buon Porto, where, during the 4th and 5th, I received two Regiments of the Sardinian Cavalry, and the rest of the Queen's Troops: The Enemy sent a large Detachment to reconnoitre us, as if he meant to attack us, but finding that Design almost impracticable, after the Junction of our several Corps, he not only countermanded the said Detachment, but took Post at Campo Santo, where he had his whole Army. His Intension was, as some Officers that we took Prisoners have informed us, had we not advanced to Solera, to have repass'd the Panaro, and Orders were actually given for that Purpose: But upon the

