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Warsaw, Nov. 11.

**O**ur last Letters from *Leopol* give us an account of several Successes which our Troops sent out in parties, have already had over the Enemy, and that General *Sobiesky* was so far advanced with the gros of the Army, that he had had an opportunity to give the Enemy battle, which, however he declined, because the Forces of *Lithuania* were not yet come up to him, which they are making all the haste possible to do, and then we are confident our General will make some considerable attempt, in order to the recovering of those places which belong to this Crown, and are now in the possession of the Turks; and we have great reason to hope he will succeed in it, as well because of the number and good condition of our Forces, as the weakness and want of preparation of the Enemy to oppose us; our Army according to the general computation, consisting in near 50 thousand Men, most of them old experienced Soldiers, whilst on the other side, we do not hear that the Turks have any where together, a Body of 30 thousand fighting Men. A party of our Troops have lately taken *Jassowid*, a place of some importance; and to add to this good news, we have advice that the Czar of *Moscovy* has ordered his Forces to march, in order to their joining with those of this Crown, to act together against their Common Enemy; it seems the King in his return from the Army was taken ill, and some there-upon reported, that there was danger of his life, but we are now satisfied of the contrary by the last Letters we had from the Court, which assure us, that his Majesty is pretty well again.

*Leghorn*, Nov. 11. His Excellency Sir *John Finch*, continues as yet at *Florence*, having on all occasions been Treated by the Great Duke, with the greatest respect and kindness imaginable, and having as to the business he came about, received all possible satisfaction, so that now he is preparing for the continuance of his Voyage to *Constantinople*, in order whereunto, he will in four or five days at farthest, part from *Florence*. By a Bark arrived this day from *Marseilles*, we have advice, that the French are fitting out 14 Men of War at *Thoulon*, who are appointed to cruise in these Seas, for the security of their Trade.

*Venice*, Nov. 11. This day we have received Letters from *Constantinople*, dated in *September* last, which inform us, of the present miserable condition of that City, by reason of the Plague, which hath raged there all the latter part of the Summer, and still continues with much violence. That the Captain *Bassa* has orders to Reinforce his Fleet, that he may be the better able to secure the *Archipelago*, which is almost become innavigable for the Turkish Ships, by reason of the Christian Gallies which Cruise there; and that they had news, that the Poles were ready to March with a great Army, which had very much surprised that Court, who had believed, that that Crown would rather have endeavored by amicable means, to have obtained a good Peace.

*Vienna*, Nov. 12. Yesterday in the afternoon their

Imperial Majesties arrived here, without any publick reception, or other solemnity, save that all the great Guns about the Town were thrice discharged; their Majesties since their arrival, have received the Complements of all the forreign Ministers and other persons of quality of this Court: It is said here that the Emperor intends to raise several new Regiments, but that the Commissions will not be given out till towards Spring: From *Hungary* we have advice, that the Rebels continue to do much mischief, they having lately plundered and destroyed a place called *Kernstur*, and carried the Inhabitants away with them; we cannot but suspect that the Turks assist them under hand, for otherwise they could not be able to maintain themselves as they do. The Poles it seems, instead of expecting a War from the Turks, are carrying it into their Territories, with likelihood of good success. It is reported here that Count *Montecuculi*, General of the Emperors Forces is ordered to return hither, having first put them into their winter Quarters. We daily expect here the arrival of an Ambassador from the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, to complement their Imperial Majesties on their late Marriage.

*Roche fort*, Nov. 16. The sixth instant, one of his Majesties Men of War, called the *Vigilant*, Commanded by the *Sieur Gabares*, being separated from the rest of her Squadron, happened to Rencounter a Spanish Man of War, Mounted with 36 Guns, with whom she had a dispute, which lasted four hours together; the Captain and Lieutenant of the French were killed at the beginning of the Fight, which somewhat discouraged the Seamen, however, with the assistance of their remaining Officers, they so well behaved themselves, that they sunk their Enemy, and brought their own Ship safe in here.

*Brest*, Nov. 18. The 10 instant the Count *d'Estrees* Vice-Admiral of France, came to an Ankor in this Bay, having on y with him four Men of War, and one *Freshet*, the rest of his Squadron having been separated from him in bad weather, but are all safely arrived here and at *Roche fort*.

*Cologne*, Nov. 24. The second instant General *Montecuculi* parted from *Bruno Coblenix*, intending to pass on from thence to *Picenna*, the Duke de *Bournonville* being left in his absence to Command the Imperial Forces. The French have lately seized a Castle which stands in the middle of the *Rhyn*, between *Meyence* and *Bin en*, which will hinder the communication between the Imperialists that are in that place, and those above them on the *Rhyn*. The Confederate Troops lye still in this Neighborhood; *Zons* and *Lichten* have received Imperial Garrisons. The Bishop of *Strasbourg* is gone to *Kejserwaert*, to confer with the Duke of *Luxemburgh* who is arrived there; The Forces which he hath drawn out of the Conquered places, together with those Commanded by Monsieur *d'Humeres*, make up in all about 20000 Foot, and 3000 Horse.

We have advice that the Count *de Monserey* will come to *Venice* with a Body of Cavalry to reinforce the Spania