

will continue, as he and his elder Brother have had an Interview with each other. This Succession is looked upon as a very extraordinary Thing, and all the Consuls are making ready to ratify the Peace with him.

*Tripoly, Nov. 14.* A Conspiracy has been formed for cutting off the new Bey by the Kehia and his Family, for which himself and two Sons have been put to Death, and a Reward offered for taking the other Son, and we are now in Hopes that Things will rest quiet.

*Florence, Dec. 14.* The publick Prayers and exposing the Sacrament at Rome for the Success of the Son of the Pretender, were performed for three Days successively, with the ordinary Indulgences, in the Churches of St. Thomas, called the English Church, in that of St. Isidore, the Irish, and at the Church of the Apostles. Many Monks and Jesuits departed lately from Rome, and made no Scruple to say they were going to England.

*Venice, Dec. 24, N. S.* Prince Lichtenstein, who was endeavouring to pass the Tessin, in order to cover the Milanese, and preserve the Communication with the Queen's Territories, has unluckily miscarried in that Attempt. On the 12th Instant a Body of 7000 Spaniards advanced to Oleggia to destroy his Bridges, whom the Prince attacked, and after a sharp Engagement, defeated; but the Infant having marched his whole Army to the opposite Banks of the Tessin, over which he had two Bridges, one near Pavia, and another at Sesto, where the Tessin runs into the Lago Maggiore; the Prince being also apprehensive that the French from Valenza might at the same Time fall upon him in the Rear, and put him between two Fires, thought proper to abandon his Enterprize, and retire to Novara and Vercelli. The Deputation, sent from the City of Milan to compliment Don Philip, being come as far as the Certosa, met an Express with Orders for them not to proceed any farther, acquainting them, that the Infant being immediately to set out for Pavia, found himself obliged to defer the Reception of them to another Occasion. There is no positive Advice of Don Philip himself having entered Milan, but it is certain, that on the 16th Instant in the Afternoon the Van Guard of his Army entered that City; that the Foot were quartered near the Castle, and had actually begun, the same Night, to form Barricades. The Garrison is reported to be 3000 Men, Provisions for seven Months, and every thing necessary for its Defence.

*Inverness, Dec. 22.* Upon the News of the March of the Rebels into England, and some pretended Successes gained by them, the Frazers, headed by Lord Lovat's Son, formed a Sort of Blockade of Fort Augustus, whilst Lord Lewis Gordon in Bamf and Aberdeenshire, was raising Men and levying Money, by Force and Threats of the most severe military Execution. The Money expected from the Town and Shire of Aberdeen amounted to near 23000 Pounds Sterling. Thereupon the Earl of Loudoun, with 600 of the well-affected Clans,

marched in a very severe Frost through Stratherrick, Part of Lord Lovat's Estate, on the South Side of Lochness, to the Relief of Fort Augustus. He met with no Opposition, supplied the Place with what was wanting, and returned thither upon the 8th Instant, after letting the Inhabitants of Stratherrick know what they were to expect if they joined the Rebels. This Detachment, after one Day's Rest, was ordered to march to relieve Bamf and Aberdeenshire. For this End, the two Companies of Mackenzies, who had been posted near Brahan, were called into this Place on Monday the 9th, and on Tuesday the 10th the Lord Loudoun, with 800 Men, marched out to Lord Lovat's House of Castle Dounie, to obtain the best Security he could for the peaceable Behaviour of the Frazers; and at the same Time the Laird of Macleod was detached with 500 Men, (400 whereof were of his own Kindred) towards Elgin, in their Way to Bamf and Aberdeenshire, to prevent the Rebels recruiting there; and they were to be followed by Lord Loudoun, and as many Men as could be spared from hence. Lord Loudoun prevailed with Lord Lovat upon Wednesday the 11th to come into Inverness along with him, and to live there under his Eye until he should bring in all the Arms which the Clan was possessed of, which he promised to do against Saturday Night following, and highly condemn'd the Behaviour of his Son. Whilst Lord Loudoun waited for the Delivery of these Arms, 200 Men under Capt. Monro of Culcain, were detached by his Lordship to follow Macleod to Elgin and Aberdeen, Lord Lovat, after delaying to fulfil his Promise from Time to Time, at last found Means to get out of the House where he was lodged, at a back Passage, and made his Escape. In the mean Time Macleod marched forwards to Elgin, and from thence hearing that 200 Rebels had taken Possession of the Boats of Spay at Tocharob, and pretended to dispute the Passage with him, he advanced on Sunday the 15th to the Banks of that River, which the Rebels on his Approach quitted, leaving him a quiet Passage. From thence he advanced on the 16th and 17th to Cullen and Bamf, whilst Capt. Monro with his 200 Men, on the 17th and 18th, advanced by Keith to Strathbogie, and the Rebels, who were in Possession of those Places, retired towards Aberdeen. Mr. Grant of Grant joined Capt. Monro with 500 of his Clan, and marched with him to Strathbogie. Upon the 19th it was resolved by Mr. Macleod and Capt. Monro to march the next Morning, the first from Bamf to Old Moldrum, 12 Miles off Aberdeen, and the last from Strathbogie to Innerourie, which is at the like Distance. The Rebels had drawn together a considerable Body at Aberdeen, and were in Expectation of a Reinforcement from Perth and Dundee. We expect a Reinforcement here soon of two Companies of Macdonalds from the Isle of Sky; another Company of Mackenzies; another Company of Mackays, and a Company of Rosses, each of which Companies will consist of 100 Men. The Rebels at Perth have not had any Accession