

*Naples, Dec. 2, N. S.* The King has appointed the Duke of Miranda to be Great Butler to his Majesty, in the room of the Duke of Turfi, who died lately at Rome; and the Marquis of St. Marco is to succeed the Duke of Miranda in the Post of Master of the Horse. The King has confirmed M. Cito in the Post of Director of the Custom-house at Foggia.

*Rome, Dec. 6, N. S.* Preparations are making at the Vatican for the Pope, who is to remove thither on the 21st Instant, in order to be nigh at Hand to perform the Functions of the Holy Year. Cardinal Aldrovandi, Bishop of Monte Fiascone, having permitted, by an Edict which he caused to be published, the sending of Corn out of his Bishoprick, contrary to the Pope's Orders, the Secretary of State has, by another Edict, declared void the Permission of the said Cardinal Aldrovandi. The Pope, to enable the Roman Senate to make a decent Appearance in the Attendance they are to give at the Ceremonies of the Holy Year, has lent them 16,000 Crowns, to enable them to purchase a suitable Equipage for that Purpose. On the 1st Instant the Pope held a private Consistory, in which he appointed a Vicar Apostolick of Aquilea, in the Venetian Dominions, and fixed the Ceremonial for the Coronation of the Emperor.

*Marseilles, Dec. 10, N. S.* We learn from Constantinople, that most of the Jew Merchants, residing in the Suburbs of that City, had quitted their Habitations, and retired into the Country, on Account of a contagious Distemper breaking out at Adrianople, which spreads very fast, and carries off a great Number of Persons.

*Florence, Dec. 12, N. S.* On the 5th Instant, at Night, M. de Richecourt, Baron Toussaint, M. Acton, Colonel Mill, M. Lowther, &c. returned to this City from Leghorn; and by the best Accounts of their Transactions in that Place, it is asserted, that the Project for trading to the East Indies is quite laid aside. On the 8th the Emperor's Birth-day was celebrated with the usual Solemnity, on which Occasion the Foreign Ministers, the Nobility, and Military Officers, appeared in their rich Habits, many of whom were entertained at Dinner by M. de Richecourt.

*Parma, Dec. 12, N. S.* Their Serene Highnesses the Duke and Dutchess have at last settled their Household, though not entirely to the Satisfaction of the Nobility of Placentia. The Court intending to pass some Weeks at Colorno, the Marquess de Leede and M. Tillet, went thither last Week to make the necessary Preparations for their Reception. The Duke de Montelegre, Ambassador from his Catholick Majesty to the Republick of Venice, is soon expected here; as is also the Marquess de Grimaldi, in Quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the Grand Master of Malta, to compliment their Highnesses upon their happy Arrival.

*Stockholm, Dec. 12.* The King has lately made a Promotion of military Officers, amongst

whom M. Christian Barnekow has been appointed Major General; Baron Charles Aldersfelt, and Count Ponte de la Gardie, Adjutants General; Baron Funck, Lieutenant Colonel; and M. Charpentier, Major.

*Augsbourg, Dec. 17, N. S.* We are informed by our last Letters from Munich, that the Reduction which the Elector of Bavaria had ordered to be made in his Troops, is countermanded, and that Orders had been given by his Electoral Highness for raising Recruits, and completing his Regiments.

*Vienna, Dec. 18, N. S.* The Queen of Hungary has sent positive Orders to the Officers of her Troops posted in Hungary and Transylvania, to take all imaginable Precautions to stop all Persons and Effects coming from the Frontiers of Turkey and Poland, her Majesty having received certain Advice, that a contagious Distemper continues to make great Havock in those Countries. Count Pallavicini is expected here in a few Days from Milan, to lay before the Court the State of Affairs in Italy, as well with Regard to the Condition of their Imperial Majesties Troops in Lombardy, as to the Finances of the Dutchy of Milan and its Dependencies. General Count de Collredo, Envoy Extraordinary from this Court to that of Sardinia, is preparing to set out next Week for Turin. His Imperial Majesty has appointed the young Count d'Alheim to be one of his Chamberlains.

*Copenhagen, Dec. 20, N. S.* The 11th Instant being the Anniversary of the Marriage of their Majesties, the same was celebrated at Court; when Numbers of the Nobility of both Sexes appeared in very rich Habits to compliment their Majesties on that Occasion. On the 12th arrived here the Baron de Voss, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Prussia, and 'tis expected will have his first Audience of his Majesty in a few Days. Two Ships belonging to our East India Company, the one bound for China, and the other for Tranquebar, are now at Helsingør, and will put to Sea with the first fair Wind.

*Paris, Dec. 26, N. S.* On the 24th Instant the Court went out of Mourning for the late Landgrave of Hesse Rhinfelds; and To-morrow the King proposes setting out for Choisy for two, or three Days. His Majesty has appointed M. Auty, late Major of the Bastile, to be Lieutenant thereof, and M. Cavalier succeeds him as Major. Part of the Retinue of M. Berkenrode, the new Ambassador from the States General, being already arrived here, 'tis expected M. de St. Contest, Ambassador from this Court to that of their High Mightinesses, will soon be setting forwards for the Hague. Prince Frederick of Hesse Cassel proposes leaving this Place, in a few Days, on a Tour to Italy.

*Hague, Dec. 30, N. S.* His Royal Highness the Prince of Orange assisted this Day at an Assembly of their High Mightinesses, when several Military Officers, who had been promoted by his Highness, took the usual Oaths before the Council