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*Naples, January 14.*

**T**wo dayes since arrived here a Felucca from *Lipari*, the Patron advised, that on the 8th instant, the French, Spanish, and Dutch Fleets engaged near the Fare of *Messina*, but knows nothing as to the success; though since there has been reports in Town, of 14 of the French taken and burnt; which we cannot yet give any entire credit to, till we have a more certain account. Our former Advices from *Messina*, said that they were there in great expectation of the arrival of the French Fleet, for that they began to be in great want of Provisions, and especially of Meal and Oyl.

*Florence, Jan. 21.* It is said, that this day an Express is passed through here going to *Madrid*, with an account of the Victory obtained the 8th instant, against the French Fleet, commanded by Monsieur *de Quins*; but the particulars are not told, farther than that in general several of the French ships have been destroyed.

*Venice, Jan. 27.* Here is arrived the *Katherine* from the Fare of *Messina*, the Master tell us that on the 8th instant, he saw the Dutch and French Fleets engaged off of *Lipari*, the former being about 32 Sail, and the latter likewise about that number; that, during the Fight, he saw several French Men of War coming from *Messina* to join their Fleet, but what the success was he knows not, having made the best of his way hither: But this evening it is reported, that an Express is come from *Rome*, with advice that the Spaniards and Dutch have gained a great Victory.

*Madrid, Jan. 16.* The King has finally declared the *Marquis de los Bilbaces* at present his Ambassador at *Vienna*, to be the chief of his Embassy to *Nimeguen*, for the treating a Peace. His Majesty has for one year to come suspended several considerable Pensions, given by the late King, as well as sinecure, which amount to several Millions, and are to be employed towards the defraying the charges of the War. All the Knights of the several Orders in this Kingdom, are commanded to go and serve this next Campaigne in *Catalonia*, or else to furnish others in their stead which will make a pretty good Body; and besides, every Grandee is to raise a Company of Foot at his own charge.

*Warsaw, Jan. 18.* Yesterday the Corps of the late King *Michael Wisnowitski*, was conveyed from hence in a Chariot drawn with six Horses, attended with all the Officers of his Household, and a great many Persons of Quality, on its way to *Cracow*, in order to its solemn Interment there. We are advised from several parts, that the Turks intend to attack us this next Summer with a formidable Army, to recover the honour they lost the last, as well as to make some considerable Conquest, and to carry the War into the heart of this Kingdom.

*Vienna, Jan. 26.* The 23 instant, General *Montecuculi*, as he came from a Council of War, which had been held in the presence of the Emperor, was taken very ill; and though he is since somewhat better, yet he is still detained in his Bed. The *Sieur Janfret*, the eminent Physician, is arrived here from *Padua*, to consult

about the Emperress indisposition, who continues very ill. Major General *Dunewalt* is likewise here, but will part hence again the next week to his command.

*Strasbourg, Jan. 31.* The *Mareschal de Rochefort* is returned towards *Metz*, and the French continue to fortifie themselves at *Hagenaw*, *Saverne* and *Schleissstadt*, and especially between this latter place and *Kastenholtz*, where the Prince of *Conde* had his Leaguer the last Campaigne; from whence some will argue, that the French intend to Post themselves there again this Summer, and act only defensively. Yesterday was held a Common Council here, in order to the raising the monies necessary for a Levy of 1000 men, which our Magistrates think necessary at this time for the security of this City. It is said that the Imperialists have taken it upon them to recover *Deux Ponts* out of the hands of the French.

*Co'logne, Febr. 4.* On Saturday last arrived here Mr. *Skelton*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain* to the Emperor, to Negotiate certain matters relating to the General Peace, and this day he parts hence again on his way to *Vienna*. It is said that the differences between the Duke of *Zell*, and the Bishop of *Munster*, are finally composed. The Heer of *Landses*, the Imperial Minister, is arrived at *Coesvelt*, where the Bishop of *Munster* at present is, with whom we are told he hath made an agreement, that he, the Bishop, shall this next Campaigne assist the Emperor with 12000 Men, in consideration of certain Subsidies. From *Vienna* they write, that Lieutenant General *Morreuculi* is very much indisposed; and that he had before, on account of his great age, obtained leave of the Emperor to quit the command of the Army.

*Hamburg, Jan. 31.* We do not yet certainly hear that the Suedes have quitted the Siege of *Wolgast*, but on the other side it's said by some they still continue it with a great deal of vigor. Our Letters from *Berlin* assure us, that several Danish and Brandenburg Troops being joined together, were marched under the command of the Velt Marechal *Dorsing*, with orders to enter into *Pomeran*, and to make some attempt upon the Suedes. The Duke of *Holstein Ploen* who so bravely behaved himself before *Wismar*, and commanded the last Summer the Troops of the Duke of *Luxenburgh*, is lately dead. From *Sueden* they write of the great preparations that are making in that Kingdom, to put themselves in a posture not only to oppose the insults of their Enemies this next Campaigne, but even to carry the War to their doors; for besides the Forces they are providing to send over into *Germany*, the King will act in person with a considerable Army against the Danes. The *Sieur Habens*, the Imperial Commissary, is arrived here, and will, it's expected, proceed in the same manner he has done at *Bremen*, in seizing all the Goods and Effects of the Subjects of the Crown of *Sueden*.

*Brussels, Febr. 7.* The Courier which arrived on Saturday last from *Spain*, brought, as we are told, our Governour a promise that he should be very suddenly supplied with two Millions of Crowns for the service of the

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