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Whitehall, January 4.

HER Majesty hath been graciously pleas'd to Constitute his Grace the Duke of Ormonde Commander in Chief of all Her Majesty's Land Forces in that part of the Kingdom of Great Britain call'd England, and Colonel of Her Majesty's First Regiment of Foot Guards.

His Grace the Duke of Northumberland is appointed Captain and Colonel of Her Majesty's Second Troop of Horse Guards.

And the Right Honourable the Earl Rivers is made Master-General of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and Colonel of Her Majesty's Royal Regiment of Horse Guards.

Florence, December 22. N. S. After several Conferences between General Zumjungen on the part of the Emperor, General Ubaldini and the Grand Prior del Rene on the behalf of the Great Duke, the Matter about the Quarters to be assign'd to the German Forces in the Great Duke's Territories are settled, and accordingly those Troops are March'd into the Maremne near Sienna. This being likely to prove a very heavy Burthen on the Inhabitants of those Parts, they have sent to the Great Duke to represent how unable they are to bear it in the present Circumstances of that Country; upon which his Highness has order'd them Ten thousand Crowns towards rendering, in some Measure, their Expences more easy: It being computed that the Charge of these Troops may amount to Three hundred Pistoles a Day, upon a moderate Calculation. Letters from Leghorn of the Eighteenth say, the Venetian Fleet of four Men of War, commanded by Vice-Admiral Correro, is come in there with several Merchant-men very richly laden.

Venice, December 25. N. S. The Order which this Senatè sent to the Vice-Admiral of this State, Signior Correro, whereby he was directed to Sail to Corfu and join the Fleet in that Island, happen'd to come too

late, two of the Men of War under his Command having been dispersed, and could not therefore prevent his executing the Orders he had before received, to Convoy the Merchant-men to Leghorn. Accordingly we understand by an Express from thence last Saturday, that he was safely arriv'd there with fourteen Venetian Merchant Ships laden with Goods of very great Value. This has caused great Joy here among all the Merchants, who are much revived by this News, after the great Losses they have sustain'd from the French Privateers, who have taken many of their Ships in these Seas, to the great Interruption and Damage of the Trade of this Place. They write from Rome, that an Officer arriv'd there on the Fourteenth Instant from Inspruck, with Letters from the Emperor to the Pope, who on the Eighteenth held a Consistory, wherein he gave Notice of the King of Spain's being chosen to the Imperial Dignity: He made a Speech in Praise of his Imperial Majesty, and order'd all the Cardinals to join with him in their Prayers for a Happy and Prosperous Reign, to the Advantage of Christendom and the Church. In the Evening the Cannon were fir'd, and all the Ministers and Persons of Quality, that were in the Interest of the House of Austria, illuminated their Palaces. And on the Nineteenth the Pope held a Chapell, to implore a Blessing upon his Imperial Majesty, and to thank God for his Election.

Kinsale, December 23. Captain Wade, in Her Majesty's Ship the Adventure, arriv'd here this Day; she came last from Newfoundland, and in her Voyage put into Bantry-Bay, from whence she proceeded hither. She has on Board the Soldiers that were sent hence to those Parts the last Year. Colonel Nicholson having taken this Opportunity of returning, is landed here, by whom we understand, that all the Forces of that Country, which March'd under his Command, are come back safely to New-England; whereof we shall have a fuller Account upon his Arrival in England.

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