

ers from the military service, and this affair and many others have been sent back to the Council of War for their consideration.

*Nov. 7.* Prince Lewis of Wirtemberg, Major-General and proprietor of a regiment of dragoons in the Prussian service, has passed into that of our republic, where he at the same time has obtained letters of naturalization.

23. The diet has been occupied for some time in fixing upon the means of augmenting the revenues of the state, and it was resolved, that all the hides of the large and small cattle which are killed shall belong to the treasury; but this resolution has been amended in one of the following sessions, when it was determined that in the cities the butchers should only bring the hides of oxen, of which there are killed in this capital 45,000 every year; and each hide sells for a ducat.

A commission is appointed to examine into the state of the inhabitants of this city, and to find out how far they can be taxed.

There is still an idea of assembling a corps of 30,000 men on our frontiers.

*Berlin, Oct. 20.* At the requisition of the Imperial chamber, nine battalions of the garrisons of Westphalia have been sent to Liege, under the command of General Schlicffen, in order to restore tranquility there.

The 17th of this month being the Queen's birth-day, the intended marriage of the hereditary Prince of Orange with the Princess Frederica Wilhelmina was publicly announced at court.

*Nov. 7.* Her Serene Highness Princess Frederica Louisa Charlotte, consort to Prince Frederick Augustus, brother to the reigning Duke of Brunswick, died here last Sunday.

*Madrid, Oct. 20.* Some troubles having arisen in Catalonia relative to the inquisition, it is hoped his Majesty will soon abolish that tribunal.

*Vienna, Oct. 28.* We learn from Belgrade, that a spy had brought intelligence that the Seraskier Abdi Bassa, with his army, consisting of 40,000 men, which were destined for the relief of Belgrade, were ordered to return to Constantinople as fast as possible, where the defeat of the Grand Vizier, and the loss of Akierman, had caused such a sensation as shook the throne of Selim. The above army will on their march be joined by some part of the Vizier's troops.

31. The reigning prince of Anhalt-Kothen, field-marshal in the Imperial service, is dead at Semlin; his loss is the more lamented, as his attachment to the

house of Austria was very great, and he was destined for the future general command of the Austrian forces.

We have accounts from field-marshal Laudohn, that the Seraskier Abdi Bassa, giving credit to the report spread by Col. Michailowich of the approach of our troops, had fled so hastily with his forces from Czupria, that he left 11 pieces of cannon, and a large quantity of provisions behind him; he is gone towards Nizza.

*Nov. 5.* The Imperial forces before Orsova amount to 30,000 men. His Royal Highness the Archduke Francis commands the siege of that place in person since the 28th of October, under the direction of field-marshal Laudohn. The fortress has been summoned to surrender, but the garrison having requested 24 hours time, it has been granted them.

The proposals of peace from the Porte are not of a nature to be accepted by the two Imperial courts, notwithstanding the mediation of England and Prussia, which two courts are using their utmost to bring about a pacification. However, it is not improbable that the Ottoman ministry may, during the winter, be inclined to propose terms of a more acceptable kind.

By the last accounts from Wallachia, a general panic seems to have taken possession of all the enemy's troops in that province, and they do not, even at Brailow, think themselves safe from the victorious forces of the two Imperial courts; as all who could have fled from that place, and the garrison consists only of 4000 men at most.

His Majesty the Emperor has required money, provisions, and men from Hungary, for the ensuing campaign. The different districts have not unanimously consented to acquiesce in the wishes of the monarch.

17. The Emperor is so far recovered as to be able to go through his usual occupations.

All ranks of people are impatient to learn the fate of the important fortress of Orsova, which is entirely covered on one side by inaccessible rocks; and on the other, if we may credit the reports of the Engineers, it is so strongly fortified, that it may be defended from work to work, even to the Casemates. If this is really the case it will be a very difficult matter to reduce it, unless the supplies of provisions can be cut off; however much is expected from the skill of Marshal Laudohn, who is firmly bent upon the capture of this place, and much also from the fire of the immense batteries erected on Mount Allion, which commands Orsova and Fort Elizabeth; the latter may hold out