

20. The Emperor is no more! After long and varied conflicts with his disorder, he expired in the arms of an attendant, at five o'clock this morning. Art could no longer carry on his life.

On the 19th, the preceding evening, the Arch-Dutcheſs Elizabeth, the ſpouſe of the Grand Duke of Tufcany's ſon, after being brought to bed of a Prince, expired! Thus ſingularly marked ſeems to be this family by diſaſter and ſorrow.

Previous to his death, the Emperor wiſhed the ſon of the Grand Duke to be elected, to which his father had conſented: But the ſucceſſion will now go from the nephew to the brother.

Before his diſſolution, having ſent for General Haddick, Preſident of the War department, he commanded him in the ſtrongeſt terms, (that as he found his diſſolution approaching faſt) to return his ſincere thanks to all the Generals and officers, and more eſpecially to the privates of his armies, for the faithful and zealous diſcharge of their duty, which he had experienced in the laſt campaign.

That he alſo hoped, after he was dead, they would preſerve their character for courage and diſcipline, and would be as faithful to his ſucceſſor, as they had been to him.

*Warsaw, Jan. 18.* The negotiation relative to the alliance with Pruffia goes on briskly. A deputation of 18 members is charged with it, ſeven of whom confer daily, but reſolve upon nothing till they have made their report to the whole Deputation.

Two Pruffian camps are it is ſaid, to be formed next ſpring in Weſtern Pruffia, on the coaſt of Samogitia and that of Cracow. The Poſiſh army, divided into three bodies, will form three camps, one under Kaminieck, another on the frontiers of Galicia, and a third in Lithuania.

*Cleves, Feb. 1.* In conſequence of a freſh Decree of Wetzlaer, the Directory of the Circle of Weſtphalia and the Lower Rhine are employed in making reſearches, on a ſuppoſition that ſome perſons at Liege have made improper offers to the Directorial Miniſters to engage them to act contrary to the inſtructions of their reſpective Courts. But though it is very certain that no ſuch orders have been made, yet the mere idea is criminal, and requires the ſtricteſt ſearch. The honour even of the States of Liege is intereſted to prove that the members which compoſe them are incapable of ſo ridiculous and ſo artful a deſign.

As to the affair of Liege itſelf they ſtill infer to the answer which the Prince Biſhop ſhall make to the King's letter of the

31ſt of December—This letter muſt have convinced the public of the meaſures adopted by the Directory of Cleves, and we hope it will have the ſame effect on the mind of his Highneſs. He will not be the only one to ſee, that there remains no other means of effecting the re-eſta bliſhment of order in his country; and of procuring to him the perfect enjoyment of his own rights, and that of acquieſcing in the equitable propoſitions offered by the King. The answer of his Highneſs to the laſt letter of the Directory of Cleves gives us hopes that he will act wiſely, and explain himſelf to his Majeſty in a ſatisfactory manner.

*Stockholm, Feb. 4.* A Royal Ordinance was publiſhed here the day before yeſterday, by which his Majeſty exhorts all the inhabitants of the coaſt to take up arms in defence of their cantons. This Ordinance, joined to the formidable preparations and great levies of troops which are making, portends that the war will be carried on very briskly, eſpecially by ſea. All the ſhips ſtationed at Gothenburgh, and the marine brigade in this port, are ordered to Carls crone, where they are buſily employed in building and equipping gunboats, whoſe number will be raiſed to 140.

It is thought that the conferences at Jaſſy will end in a peace. Privy Counſellor Thuaut is arrived there on the part of the Emperor, and M. Bulgakow on the part of the Empreſs. The Reis Effendi is not yet arrived, but has paſſed the Danube. This proves how much a peace is wiſhed for by all parties.

*Hague, Feb. 7.* A meſſage has been ſent to the Admiralty of Amſterdam, in the form of a memorial, concerning the four men of war which they are to provide as their proportion of the intended augmentation of the navy of the States for the year 1790, which circumſtance takes place in conſequence of a plan concerted with the allies of the Republic in the preſent ſituation of the affairs of the ſeveral European Courts. The States will have ten ſhips of the line and twenty-two frigates in commiſſion in April, which is the greateſt peace eſta bliſhment we have had for a century paſt.

*Berlin, Feb. 11.* A number of ammunition waggons are conſtructing by order of the Board of War, to be ready the beginning of April at fartheſt to attend the army. Such ſteps as theſe are ſeldom taken but on the eve of a war, which there is now great reaſon to ſuppoſe is at no great diſtance. The magazines in Sileſia and Brandenbourg are completely filled with every neceſſary article. The King's guards