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*Messina, Jan. 15.*

**T**Here has not of late passed any action in these parts Monsieur du Mesne who fled from hence some time since, with the Men of War to Cruise, is still abroad, his ships we hear have been very ill treated by bad weather, in which his Hospital Ship foundered, and of 100 men, only 7 were saved, and three of his Frigats separated from him, which are still wanting.

*Vina, Febr. 15.* The 10 instant came hither the Bishop of Gurcke, the first of the Emperors Ambassadors for the Treaty at Nimeguen, in order to the receiving his instructions and final dispatches, and the beginning his journey towards Nimeguen. The Marquis de los Balbases the Spanish Ambassador means likewise to part from hence before the end of this month. The Emperor has appointed a meeting here of several persons of the greatest quality in Hungary, who are to consult together, and to represent to the Emperor the means which they think most proper for the reducing those of the Malecontents of Hungary which are not yet come into submit themselves, and to lay hold of the Emperors Grace, which is now tendered to them. The Count Montecuculi's Equipage is preparing here; for it is certain his Excellency will command the Emperors Army this next Campaign, and that the Duke of Lorraine will act with a separate Body, composed chiefly of the Troops of the Circles, orders have been sent to the Governor of Raab to cause the Turkish Chiaus who is there, to take his journey hither; but as yet we hear nothing of the solemn Embassie which it was formerly said the Grand Signior was resolved to send to this Court, to confirm the Treaties depending between the two Empires.

*Berlin, Febr. 17.* A party of Soldiers having lately surprized several Burgher of Steyn, who happened to be abroad, and brought them prisoners hither, his Electoral Highness before his departure from hence towards Wesel, gave them their liberty, and leave to return home, his Highness declaring that he did not make War against the Inhabitants of any place in Pomeran, but only against the Suedes. A great many persons are daily at work in our Arsenal to prepare Fire-works, which are to be made use of for the attacking of places. A Placet or Edict hath been within these few days published for the levying a Tax per Head; which will raise a very considerable Sum of Money, to be employed for carrying on the War. From Stralsund we understand, that they expect a great supply of Men and Money from Sweden, so soon as the season is proper for their Fleets to put to Sea, which is fitting with great application at Stockholm.

*Dantzick, Febr. 19.* We are preparing here for the reception of their Majesties of Poland, who have signified to our Magistrates their intention of taking a journey hither presently after the conclusion of the Dyet, which is now assembled at Warsaw. According to our

last advices from thence we have reason to promise our selves great good from the said Dyet, and that several resolutions will be taken for the confirming the Peace with the Turks, the raising of Money for the discharging the arrears of the Army, &c. The Elector of Brandenburg has sent a command that in Prussia all men from 15 to 50 years shall take Arms to be ready to act for the defence of the Country in case there shall be occasion. We have Letters from Mosco which inform us of the great disorder that Court was in, occasioned by the discovery of a treasonable practice against the Czar, for which several persons of quality had been imprisoned, and a strict examination had been taken of others.

*Hamburg, Febr. 27.* The last Letters we received from Denmark, gave us an account; that the preparations for the approaching Campaign were carried on with good success, and that with the Succors the King expects from the Dukes of Lunenburg and Bishop of Munster his Majesty would have a very powerful Army, which would be transported into Schonen. The Duke of Zell raises several new Regiments. The Ministers of the Allies, who are concerned in the Conquests that have been made upon the Suedes in the Dutchies of Bremen and Feysen, will have another meeting at Bremen, to agree the partition of the same; to which it is reported that the King of Denmark has quitted his pretensions, in consideration of the Succors the Duke of Lunenburg and the Bishop of Munster are to give him.

*Strasbourg, Febr. 22.* Yesterday the Electoral Prince of Saxony, who hath passed some time in this City, parted from hence on his way to Esslingen, where the Duke of Lorraine and the other Imperial Generals have their Head-quarter. The Sieur de Fay has taken possession of the Government of Brisac, which place the French continue to fortifie, as likewise Schiesstads. We have advice from Suisseerland, that the several Cantons have appointed a general assembly to be held at Baden.

*Brisac, Febr. 26.* The orders are come from the Court of France, for the demolishing the Fortress of Saverne; as for the Town it's believed the King will grant it a Neutrality. Montbelliard will likewise be razed; but the Castle will be fortified, and the Sieur de Beaulieu is to command there. The necessary orders have been likewise given for the fortifying the Castle of Blamont, of which the Sieur de la Paterie is Governot. The Marquis de Baden Dourlach General of the Forces of the Circles is lately dead; we do not yet hear that any person is made choice of to succeed in that command, which will not be very necessary for the future, if what is reported be true, viz. That most of the Imperial Towns have disbanded the Troops they had, not being able longer to maintain them; and at the same time to provide the Emperors Troops with Winter-quarters. The French continue to make great spoils in Alsace, and on the Moselle; and we are told they have already destroyed above 500 Villages, Castles and Bourgs.

*Cologne;*