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Naples, April 10.

BY a Vessel arrived from *Palermo* we have advice, that matters there are at present in a very good posture, and that their Viceroy the Marquis de *Castel Rodrigo* had sent 5000 Foot, and 500 Horse from thence to *Melazzo*; but that the *French* in *Taormina* had made several Excursions as far as *Catanea*, and had made themselves Masters of the strong Castles of *Jamina* and *Castiglione*.

Vienna, April 25. Here is arrived a Turkish Chiaus sent by the Visier of *Buda*, to acquaint this Court with his being entred upon that Government, his predecessor the former Visier of *Buda* having been lately strangled, by order of the Grand Signior, whose resolution to make War upon the Moscovites this Chiaus comes also to declare to this Court. Yesterday the Count de *Walsteyn* designed Envoy Extraordinary into *England*, begun his journey from hence, in which he will use all diligence. This Court is full of joy at the certainty of the Empresses being with Child.

Copenhagen, April 27. Three Regiments have since our last been transported over into *Schonen*; and we shall hasten to send the rest of our Troops over thither; upon which the Suedes we hear have quitted the Blokade of *Christiansstadt*, and are at present encamped within two Leagues of *Landskroon*. Yesterday the King received Letters from the Sieur *Meerheym*, Governor of *Christiansstadt*, in which he gives an account, that he is in no want of Provision or Ammunition, and that he doubts not but to defend the place till such time as his Majesty shall be in a condition to take the Field. The Duke of *Holstein Ploen* has within these few days caused a house to be hired here, and we are assured that he will command the Kings Army this Campagne. We have advice that the King of *Sueden* hath lately received a reinforcement of several thousand men from *Sueden*.

Ditto, May 4. This evening are arrived here 1100 Soldiers from *Jutland*, which will be likewise sent over to *Schonen*, from whence we have advice, that the Suedes have wholly quitted the Blokade of *Christiansstadt*, and that they are going to form a Camp near *Borrebj*. Three Men of War fitted out in *Holland* for the service of the Elector of *Brandenburg*, are past through the *Soundt*, and are sailed to *Wisnar*, where they will join with several other eight Frigats, and together make up a Squadron of 15 or 16 sail. We hear very little of the Enemies maritime preparations. We may well believe that they are about fitting out a Fleet, but in what forwardness it is we do not learn.

Hamburg, May 4. The Elector of *Brandenburg* is expected to morrow or next day at *Berlin*, and has caused the general Rendezvous of his Troops to be appointed on the 16 instant. At the Assembly that was lately held of the States of the Circle of the lower *Saxony* at *Brunswicke*, great endeavors were used to exclude the Deputies of the Duke of *Holstein Gottorp*, and of the Duke of *Mecklenburg*, who, it was pretended, had held Correspondence with the Enemies of the Empire; but the Duke of *Zell*, who is Director of the said Circle, would by no means suffer the said exclusion, but admitted the

said Deputies; at which, it is said, the King of *Denmark* is much dissatisfied. We have nothing new by this Post from *Copenhagen*.

Hamburg, May 7. Yesterday and this day the *Muster Troops*, which are designed for the assistance of the King of *Denmark*, have passed the *Elbe*, and have at present their quarters within a League of this City; to morrow they will be Mustered by the Danish Commissaries, and that done, they will continue their march. From *Berlin* they write, of the 5th instant, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* was arrived at *Postdam*, having given orders for the march of all his Troops. From *Wisnar* they tell us of a Blazing Star that hath been seen there several mornings between two and three a clock. We have advice that several Men of War, who sail with Commission from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, are come in to the *Baltick*, to which several Danish Frigats will join, who, it's said, will Cruise in a Body, as well to disturb the Navigation of the Suedes, as to hinder their sending over any Succors to *Pomeran*, before their Fleet comes out, by which time the Danish Fleet will be likewise at Sea to observe them.

Strasburg, May 3. The Troops of the Duke of *Lorraine*, which are to join with the Imperialists, are marched by this place, on the side of the *Rhine* towards *Philipsburg*. Several Imperial Regiments march likewise the same way, but more slowly, the ways being as yet very bad as well as the weather, which is the cause that many Soldiers fall sick in their march, who are conveyed by water to *Philipsburg*, near which place is appointed the general Rendezvous of the Imperial Army, which will act in these parts this Campagne, while those that are to follow the Duke of *Lorraine* march to *Oppenheim*, to pass the *Rhine* there, and so to descend towards the *Moselle*. The Sieur de *Monclar*, Lieutenant General of the French Forces in *Alsace*, is going to form a Camp, which will reach from *Kockenheim* to *Erbstein*.

Liege, May 4. The Confederate Troops, to the number of 8 or 10000, are forming a Camp at *Ruremond*, for the keeping in the Garison of *Maestricht*; and we have had a report here, that the said Troops will block up *Maestricht* this Summer, which we can hardly give credit to, considering the great Garison there is at present at *Maestricht*. The Duke of *Lorraine* with 16 or 17000 men, is come down into *Luxemburg*, where he will expect the rest of the Forces that are to compose his Army, which will be above 30000 strong, not reckoning the Body which the Emperor will have under the command of the Electoral Prince of *Saxony*, and Prince *Herman* of *Baden* in *Brigow*. The Marechal de *Crequi* will have 20000 men in *Lorraine*.

Ditto, May 7. Yesterday a party of *Maestricht* was at *Hensfal*, from whence they took all the Cattel they could find; but the Corn they meddled not with, for they have enough of that. Here have been some reports of late as if the Confederates would again Besiege *Maestricht*, or at least block it up; but when we consider the great Garison there is, and how well the place is provided we much doubt the truth thereof. This day we have news, that