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The *Palatine of Hungary* continues still much indisposed, and has some intentions to resign up that Charge, which he finds is grown too weighty for the weak state of his body. The Estates of the Kingdom are assembled at *Neusohr*, where they are debating their Grievances, the result whereof will be in short time communicated to this Court.

The Empress, in testimony of her Devotion and Zeal to her Religion, has made a Present to the Church of the *Augustins*, dedicated to *St. Apollonia*, of a Massive Cross of Gold, of a very considerable value.

Letters of the 18th. from *Hildesheim* inform us of the continuance of the Assembly there; whose Consultations are very privately carried on, nor without giving occasion of Jealousie to *France*, and *Sweden* of an Alliance between both the Circles of *Saxony*, by whom a strong Body of men are to be constantly kept on foot, to be ready for their defence upon all Emergencies.

The Bishop of *Manster* is at present at *Corvey*, where have met the Ambassadors from *Brandenburgh*, *Brunswick*, *Lunenburgh*, and *Holland*, to consult about their Common Interests in this Juncture of Affairs.

From *Breslaw*, they confirm to us the death of *Lubomirski*, by which the interest of the Confederates is like to be much weakened; he having a little before his death expressly commanded his Son, and all his near Relations, not at all to interest themselves for the future in the Affairs of the King or Confederates; but to use their Endeavours to preserve the peace of their Country, and to unite themselves in its defence in this time of Common Danger and Calamity.

The Count de *Nostray*, Commissioner from His Imperial Majesty, has changed his resolution of returning home, being by late Orders obliged to continue his Residence here.

Notwithstanding the great defection of the *Cossacks*, 7. or 8000. still continue firm in their Obedience to the Crown of *Poland*, which being joyn'd with the other Forces preparing for the defence of the Kingdom, and the Troops promised them from Foreign Princes, may be able to look the Enemy in the face, and render the Conquest of the Country more difficult than they are willing to imagine.

*Hamburg*, Febr. 19. The Field-Heer *Wrangle* being returned hither, several Noble Persons are also arrived, who are to be concern'd either as Actors or Spectators of the Great Ballet intended by the Queen *Christina*.

The Sieur *Isbrandt* is some days since passed by in his return from *Sweden* to *Holland*; having been much hinder'd in his passage by the Ice and Snow.

The *Swedes* Forces keep still in their Quarters, but some Discourses there is of their intended removal.

The Duke of *Lunenburgh* have called an Assembly of the States at *Zelle*, to consult of fit wayes and methods for raising moneys for the maintenance of the Forces they are oblig'd to keep on foot, to attend the motion of their Neighbours.

*Paris*, March 5. On Monday last his Majesty sat three times in Council, in the first debating several matters in order to the Government, and the Regulation of Justice. The second was a Council of War; and the third, to which were called onely Messieurs *Colbert*, *le Tellier* and *de Lionne*, sat from five in the Evening till eleven, where the Affairs with Foreign Princes fell under their consideration, occasioned, as is said, by some news that day brought from *Holland*.

'Tis confidently said, that his Majesty has refused to assist the Republick of *Venice*, in their defence of *Candia* against the *Turks*; being resolv'd to preserve the ancient Alliance with the Grand Seignior, which has received some interruption by the Succors formerly sent to the Emperor in *Hungary*.

Monsieur *Colbert* came on Wednesday last to assist in the

Assembly at the Chancellors, where they have made a considerable progress into the *Code Louis*, whereof they have reviewed and ratified sixty Articles; and 'tis believed, two or three meetings more will perfect that work, onely three Articles remain under dispute, which they seem unwilling to verify; as being repugnant, and wholly opposite to their Authority.

A Courier is lately arriv'd from *Rome*, with his Holiness's order to his Nuncio, commanding him to declare to his Majesty, that it was not in his power to make any alterations touching the Vows of Religious persons, nor in the power of the Archbishop of *Paris* to alter the Holidays that have been established by the Councils of the Church, and observed by the Catholick Church, and as to the affairs of the *Jansenists*, his Holiness would nominate onely three Bishops whom he would empower to examine the dissenters, and not twelve as was desired by his Majesty.

We are also told, that his Holiness will not be induc'd to part with *Castro*, or accept 700000 Crowns, being half the sum for which that Duchy is engag'd; although our Ambassador to whom the Duke of *Parma* has transmitted that sum, uses his utmost endeavor to perswade his Holiness to receive it.

The Estates of *Languedoc* are willing to augment the sums offered to his Majesty as their free gift to 1400000 Livres; and to pay more over 800000 Crowns towards the great work of cutting a Channel through their Country, upon condition, that no farther enquiry may be made into the Nobility of that Province; which the Commissioners seem unwilling should be accepted, having some interests of their own in that affair.

We are confidently told, that his Majesty intends about the twentieth of this Moneth, to go towards *Chaalons*, intending to take a view of all his Garrisons in *Artois*, *Champagne*, and other places on the Frontiers; from whence he intends for *Bresl*, to take an account of his Naval forces.

The Spaniards continue their preparations in *Flanders*, whither they have already transported 2000 Spaniards, and as many Italian Soldiers, and expect a Recruit of 8000 Germans.

The 28 past, their Majesties returned from *Versailles* to *St. Germain en Laye*, much satisfied with the Divertisements of the Carneval, which continued a whole week; during which time, Twenty Tables were constantly kept for the entertainment of all persons of quality.

The Master of the Horse to her Majesty, has lately received his dispatches, and is gone for *Madrid*, about some affairs of much privacy.

His Majesty has commanded the Count de *Guiche* with all speed to leave *Holland*, where he has for some time continu'd, and to return into *Poland*, who is accordingly preparing for his journey, but has by the Marshal his Father, petitioned his Majesty to give him leave first to see his Lady, which is granted him, and the place for their meeting appointed at *Dunkirk*.

*Hull*, Febr. 22. The 19th. instant, a Fleet of London Colliers, passing to the South-wards, were off *Flamborough* Head, met by a *Holland* Man of War of 50. Guns and 300. men; with whom the *Pearl*, which was one of their Convoy, being a Frigate of 26. Guns, coming up about eleven in the Morning, engag'd him very stoutly for several hours, the weather being so very calm, that none of her company could come to her assistance, till Night approaching, and the *Little Victory* showing her self, the *Hollander* grown weary of the Fight, made away with all the sail he could, with the loss of many of his men, and considerable damage received in his Vessel. The *Pearl*, after a little chace given to the Enemy, returned to his Charge, having in the Fight lost his Boat-swain and one man more, and several others wounded.

*Weymouth*, Febr. 25. Yesterday a small French Capr was observed to cruise the most part of the day, between *Portland* and the Isle of *Wight*, but meeting with no prize, made off again to Sea.