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Constantinople, February 8.

THE Grand Vifier, who continues at *Bgrade*, has of late sent several Expresses hither; to press for speedy Supplies of Men and Money. As for the first, Levies are making throughout the whole *Ottoman* Empire; but with so little success, that hitherto they have not been able to get together a number considerable enough to be sent to *Hungary*. In many Provinces they have made use of Force to raise Men, but could not afterwards prevent the Desertion of the greatest part of them; And many of these, for fear of Punishment, have banded together in several Provinces, where they commit great Disorders: Others have been allured into the Service by the promise of Double Pay, and that they shall be discharged after the end of the next Campaign, but their number is very small, the generality of those that seem otherwise to have some Inclination to Lift themselves, being discouraged by the Deserters that come in great numbers from *Hungary*. And for the raising of Money to support the Expences of the War, several Proposals have been made for these two Months last past in the Divan, and in the Councils that have been extraordinarily assembled for that purpose, it being found impossible to draw out of the Grand Signior's Treasury more than 4000 Purfes, which make two Millions of Piafres; And the Provinces, which are entirely ruined, being unable to furnish any extraordinary Subsidy. The Proposal that was made of selling part of the Grand Signior's Jewels is found impracticable, for that none dare buy them, for fear of discovering their Wealth, and drawing thereby some great Tax upon themselves, but part of them have been employed to satisfy the Cham of *Tartary*, to whom they have been sent in lieu of the Money that had been promised him from hence. At last, after many Deliberations, it has been resolved to lay a Tax, by way of Voluntary Contribution, upon all the great Officers of the Empire, and upon the Cadi's, and others of the Law; It's hoped that this Contribution will be raised without any great difficulty, but many believe 'twill not in all produce above 4 Millions of Piafres, though others think 'twill amount to 6 Millions. The *Ottoman* Fleet is now in as bad a condition as 'twas the last year, being composed of but 9 Ships, and 30 Gallies. The Leventi or Soldiers of the Ships who have not been paid in a long time, mutinied some days ago, and went to the House of the Captain Bassa to demand their Pay. He would have obliged them by Threats to retire, but they put themselves in a posture to force his House, and some attempted to kill him, so that he had much

ado to escape out of their hands. He afterwards ordered them six Months Pay, but at the same time to put a stop to these Disorders, caused several of the principal Authors of them to be strangled, and about 20 others to be thrown into the Sea. This Punishment did not, however, hinder the rest of the Mutineers from assembling together in this City, where they have pillaged several Houses; upon which Leave has been given to the Inhabitants to kill as many of them as they can. The Ships want Provisions and Ammunition, and it's believed they will be obliged to fetch both from *Albania*, the Convoys that should come from thence not daring to stir, for fear of the Christian Privateers that Cruize in the *Archipelago*. It is still given out, to content the People, that the Grand Signior will command in Person his Forces in *Hungary* the next Campaign.

Naples, Feb. 25. The Levies that are making in this Kingdom for the Service of the Republick of *Venice* are almost compleated; and several Barks have of late been sent from hence with new raised Men for *Venice*. The Master of a Vessel arrived from *Napoli di Romania* reports, the Republick will have an Army of 30000 Men in the *Morea* the next Summer.

Venice, March 20. The preparations for the Campaign are carried on with extraordinary diligence; and the new raised Troops arrive daily at the *Lido*, from whence they will be transported with the next great Convoy to the *Morea*. The 2000 Men which the Prince of *Bavaria* of *Brunsburgh* has promised to put into the Service of this Republick, are on their march, as we are informed by an Express that arrived here this week from *Germany*; and we understand at the same time, that the Duke of *Lorraine* has promised further to assist this State with 3000 Men. We have advice by the way of *Oranto*, that the *Greeks* of *1000* in the Kingdom of *Candia*, making use of the opportunity that was given them, by the Garisons marching out of the Town to bury their Bassa, had taken up Arms, and made themselves Masters of the place; after which they sent to General *Morofini*, who was at *Napoli di Romania* to desire his Protection, and that he had thereupon sent 8 Ships and 12 Gallies to their assistance; but having no account thereof from the General himself, we can give no great credit to this Report. We have no Letters from *Dalmatia* since those which told us that the *Turks* had drawn a Body of Men together with a design as 'twas believed, to attack *Dalmeny*; and that the *Provost* General *Cornet* did likewise assemble his Troops to oppose them.

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