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Genova, April 22.

THe two Gallies of this State which are to joyn the Pope's Squadron, sailed from hence the 16th Instant for *Civita Vecchia*. The 20th arrived here a *Dutch* Convoy, composed of Seven Merchant Ships and one man of War; They brought about 100 thousand Crowns for the account of the Merchants of this place.

Venice, April 25. The 16th Instant a *Vesel* arrived here from *Spalatro*, which confirmed the advice we had received of the *Turks* having Besieged *Sign*, with the following particulars. That the Infidels were divided in two Bodies, one of 12000 men, which was employed in the Siege, the other of 8000, who designed to make an incursion into the Province of *Agna*. That on the 5th of this Month 500 *Turks* advanced to possess themselves of some Out-works of the Town, which were fortified with *Palisado's*, but that the Besieged obliged them with the fire of their Muskets to retire with considerable loss; That the Garrison was composed of 600 chosen Men, among whom were several *Banditi* of *Naples*; That they defended themselves with great courage, and had made several Sallies upon the Enemy, in which they had taken seven Colours, and nailed up two pieces of Cannon. That in the mean time *Signior Cornaro*, *Proveditore General* of *Dalmatia* assembled the Forces of that Province, and of *Istria*, with whom were to joyn the *Morlaques*, Commanded by the *Chevalier Janco*, for the relief of *Sign*. And by Letters from *Spalatro* of the 19th Instant we are farther informed, that the *Turks* had made two Assaults upon the place, but were beaten off with great loss; That they had already lost 800 Men in the Siege, and among others, a *Bassa* that Commanded the Cavalry; who was killed with a Cannon shot: And that *General Cornaro* had appointed the *Rehdezvous* of his Forces at *Cliffa*, where he had already drawn 10000 together; and that he intended, so soon as the other Troops that were on their march had joyned him, to advance towards *Sign*. The Senate by the last Convoy that sailed for the *Morea*, sent a *Basin* of Gold to the value of 6000 Ducats, as a Present to *General Coningmarke*, in consideration of his Services. The 17th Instant *Signior Quintiliano Razzano* and his Brother, were received by the Great Council, into the Body of the Nobility, they making each the usual Present of 100000 Ducats.

Marzeilles, May 2. This morning arrived here a *French* Bark from *Argiers*, the *Patron* reports, that a *Sally* Man of War having carried into that Port three *French* Barques, that Government had caused them to be secured with their Lading, with a promise of restoring them to the *French* Consul.

Moscom, March 27. The Preparations that are made on this side for the War against the *Turks* and *Tatars* are very extraordinary. The *Czars* standing Forces are moving from all Parts; And besides these, the *Governors* of all the Frontier Provinces have Orders to raise the fourth Man of those that are fit to bear Arms within their respective Governments; And the *Gentry* are commanded to mount on Horseback, and to appear completely ap-

med at the *General Rendezvous*, which is appointed on the Frontiers of the *Crim Tattary*. About the middle of the last month 26 Regiments of Foot, called *Strelitzen*, which were quartered in and about this City, and several other Regiments of Horse and Foot, to the number of 70000 men, after having been mustered in the presence of the youngest *Czar Peter Alexewitz*, marched from hence under the Command of *Lieutenant General Aly Semionovic*; and the 27th of the same month, the *General Kites Giltzen* took his Leave of the *Czars*, and went with a great number of *Boyers* and Officers to put himself at the Head of the Forces, which have been since joined near *Stolitz* by 17000 *Volontiers*, and 28000 *Strelitzen*. The *Calibugue Tartars* which are subject to the *Czars* furnish 24000; Those of *Astracan* 30000; The *Cossacks* make a Body of 70000, under the Command of *Kites Samulowitz*; And in the whole it's reckoned the *Czars* will have above 400000 men in the Field this Summer, with a Train of Artillery of 400 pieces of Cannon. We have advice that the *Tatars* have cut off 600 of our men who were sent to convoy 300 Wagons laden with Provisions.

Smolensko, March 30. The *Moscovite* Forces are marching from their several Quarters to the *General Rendezvous*, which will be held in the beginning of the next month. The Nobility of this Province have received Orders to join the Army with their Sons being above 18 years old, and they who through Indisposition or Age cannot appear at the *Rehdezvous*, are to pay 2000 Ducats; The Troops raised in this Province will amount to 12000 men, besides the *Gentry*, who may be about 1800.

Lemberg, April 8. The *Crown-Generall* is preparing for his departure from hence towards the end of this Month for *Aslauitz*, to be present at the *general Rendezvous* of the Forces of the *Crown*. *Thole* of *Lithuania* will have their *Rehdezvous* at the same time on the frontiers of that *Dutchy*. The *Cham of Tartary* has written to the *King* to send home his *Envoy*, who has been here ever since the Month of *December*; but for some important reasons he is not yet dispatched. We are assured that *Sultan N. radin*, who had Orders to march with his Forces towards *Hungary*, is countermanded, and that he is now moving towards the frontiers of this Kingdom, to hinder the conjunction of the *Moscovites* with our Army; Their Parties in the mean time continue their incursions into the Province of *Volinia*, where they commit great spoils. The advices from *Moscow* say, the *Tatars* have taken several hundred Waggon's with Provisions and Ammunition, which the *Moscovites* were sending to the Frontiers of the *Crimée*, to their Magazines there; That the *Envoy*, who arrived about the beginning of the last Month at *Moscow* from the *Cham of Tartary*, had been sent back without any answer; That *Kites Giltzen* *General* of the *Czars* Forces, was gone to the *General Rendezvous*, attended by 5000 Gentlemen; And that of 28 Regiments of *Strelitzen* that were quartered at *Moscom*, 26 were marched to the Army, the other two remaining there for the guard of the *Czars*. These *Strelitzen* are the best Soldiers the *Moscovites* have, and each Regiment is composed of about 2000 Men.

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