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Dublin, Feb. 20.

WB have had lately great Storms which continued for 5 or 6 days together, which we fear may have done much prejudice to our ships upon the Coasts; the 18th instant, the wind blew with such extraordinary fierceness at South-East, that most of the Houses of this City were uncovered, several Churches damaged, but most severely that of St. Owen, where the Spire being blown down, ruined with its fall the most part of the roof of the Church. The same Tempest overletting a Merchant ship in the Harbor, driving on shoar and bulging 2 or 3 vessels, and unmasking several others. All parts of the Countrey being likewise considerably prejudic'd by the violence of this extraordinary Tempest.

Lyme, Feb. 22. On Tuesday and Wednesday last, the Spring-Tides being by a violent wind forced in against the Cobb work, made a great beach in it, and beat down a considerable part of our Harbor.

Venice, Feb. 11. By a ship lately arriving at Legorn from Tripoli di سوريا, we are advised, that the Grand Visier having by his Letters to Constantinople given a full account of the condition of his Army in Candia; had solicited hard for a speedy success, which the chief Ministers of the Grand Sultan had taken into consideration, and ordered 3000 men to be immediately drawn out of the Militia of that City to be imbarqued for his assistance; but the Souldiers having learnt the ill posture of affairs in that Island, by which the Visiers Army by the sword, Plague and other accidents, was reduced from 70 to 20000 men only, and of those great numbers daily dying of their wounds and sickness, absolutely refused the employment, and unanimously told their Officers, that they should be ready to hazard their lives upon any other service upon which the Sultan should command them, but would never be prevailed upon to throw them away at the pleasure of the Visier.

By the same way we are told, that the Persians have drawn together a great Army, but with what intentions is not yet known; but that the Turks are jealous lest they may have some design upon their Frontiers, which keeps them upon their Guard, especially the Bassa of Egypt, with the neighbouring Provinces, who has a considerable body of men in readines to succor Bagadet, or what other place the Persians shall think fit to fall upon.

A Ship lately put in here from Smyrna, brings us Letters from Zante, bearing date the 18th past; giving us this account from Candia, that the Plague still rages in the Turks Army, which has obliged the Visier to disperse his Forces, part of them into Giosiro, and part into Candia Nuova; that a Body of them was still continued before the Town, who some dayes before had a design to surprize the Defendants in the Spirt of Maccanige; but were beaten off with very considerable slaughter. They also inform us that the Grand Visier had lost over about 7000 of his sick and wounded men into Napoli di Romagna, the view of which miserable spectacle, had infinitely discouraged the Forces designed to have been transported thence for his Assistance.

Paris, Feb. 29. About 3 days since the Prince of Conde returned again hither, the affairs of Franche Comte being left in a peaceable posture, and the Conquest complete, His Majesty the better to continue them in their Obedience, has assured the Parliament of Dole, of his favour and protection, so long as they shall remain peaceable under his

Obedience, and within the bounds of their Duty; but withal, telling them that he shall be forced to deal as severely with them, if they endeavour in the least to offend him.

In the late Treaty with the Marquis d'Ardenne formerly Governour of Franche Comte, His Majesty was pleased to make him Lieutenant General of his Forces, allowing him the same Pension which he formerly received from Spain, and has given the command of a Regiment of Horse to the Count de St. Amour his Nephew for his good service in winning the Marquis to a Compliance, whereby the nimble Conquest of that County was much facilitated.

The Envoyes from the German Princes in their way for Madrid, met with His Majesty in his march to the Franche Comte, to whom he was pleased to express his inclinations to peace, and readines to commit his Interests into their hands; but letting them know that they could not expect a sudden suspension of Arms, it being a thing which would occasion much prejudice to his affairs.

His Majesty has already Fauced out the Salt-Pits of Salins for 700 thousand Liures yearly Rent, and ordered his Proclamation to be issued out for the Confiscation of the Estates of all such persons as having Lands and Revenues in that County, shall not immediately desert the Spanish service, and repair home; he has likewise given order for the raising of Two Regiments of Foot in that County, one of them to be commanded by the Marquis d'Ardenne. The Parliament of Dole in compliance to His Majesty, have lately published an Arrest, injoyning all persons of that County to give Obedience to His Majesty as their lawful Sovereign.

It is much discoursed, that the Deputies from Lorain are here Negotiating by Order from the Duke their Master, to give up the Duchy of Lorraine to His Majesty in exchange for that of Berry which shall be held in Sovereignty by the said Duke during his life, with the annual Rent of 1600 thousand Liures; and that the Count de Vaudemont his Son is willing to engage himself in the same Treaty, upon an advantageous establishment made to him, with a Patent to be Duke and Peer of France, but 'tis not believed, that this business is yet fully concluded.

Bruges, Mart. 1. The French still keep their Forces together, but with what intention is not yet discovered, they having not yet made any attempts upon any place. At Placendat the Governour has so well prepared for their Entertainment, that 'tis not now believed, they will be encouraged to attack that Fort. They now give out that they intend to drain all their Garrisons, to make up an Army to besiege Ipre; some few dayes will discover their intentions: in the mean time they daily alarm us, by appearing frequently in great Bodies near this City, extorting large Contributions from all places: Nor are we in the mean time negligent in our defence. Some Troops of Horse are by the Governours Order sent to Dixmuid, to assist for the defence of that River; the like care is taken to defend the River in the way of Ghent, to prevent the Enemies design of passing it, which they daily threaten.

We are now assured that Don Juan will in short time arrive here, to take upon him the Government and Defence of these Countreys, and that he set forwards on his Journey the 9th past: He has lately sent a Letter to the States of these Provinces, to acquaint them with his intentions, and to invite them to a necessary compliance in raising moneys for their necessary Defence: Directions are also sent to the Count Salazar (who is present at Brussels) to provide Liveries