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Venice, April 8

A Vessel come from *Staur* hath brought divers Letters from *Constantinople* of the 5th of February, which give an Account, that the French Minister at the *Port* had represented to the Divan; That the King his Master had turn'd his Arms against the Germans, and made such considerable Conquests, that his Forces were entred into the heart of the Empire, and had put all the Princes and States thereof into great Confarnation, that the Emperor had been obliged to withdraw, for their defence, all his Troops from *Hungary*; and to leave, by that means, his Frontiers on that side wholly unprovided; And that being engaged in so hazardous a War with the French King the *Port* could not desire a more favourable Opportunity to continue the War against the Emperor, and recover what they had lost; To which end he promised them, on the part of his Master, a Powerful Diversion, and an Assistance, in case of need, of Men, Money, and Arms; And that his pressing Instances, and false Representation of the State of Affairs in the Empire, (whose united Force, will, it's hoped, in a short time, humble the Pride of *France*, and punish their perfidious Violation of the Treaties without disabling the Emperor from pursuing his Conquests in *Hungary*;) had prevailed with the Divan to continue the War, and that they had thereupon given Orders for the making of new Levies, and other Military Preparations.

Frankfort, April 20. The Troops of *Saxony* are advanced within 5 German Miles of this place; They are 14000 strong, and take their march towards the *Rhine*; One of their Parties hath taken two French Boats laden with Corn near *Oppenheim*. The French have quitted *Hillensheim*, retiring from thence to *Wormes*; And have blown up the Walls and Towers of *Spiers*.

Cologne, April 22. The French have, within these few days, abandoned *Brevil*, *Lechenich*, *Kempen*, and *Zulpig*; And are retired to *Munster Eyselt*; They set fire to these places before they left them; And at *Brevil* there remain only 5 Houses standing. The *Marquis de Sourdis*, who commands the French Forces in these parts, and is now at *Bonne*, has sent back his Baggage to *Metz*, and, it's believed, he will himself follow very suddenly; And that the French Troops will quit *Bonne*, after having demolished it. We are likewise told, that the French have begun to undermine the new Fortifications of *Mont Royal* and *Landau*; For that they are not well enough finished to put those places into a State of Defence.

Hamburg, April 20. We hear from *Sueden*, that all things were preparing there for the Campaign. The Troops marched with great diligence towards

Schonen and *Norway*; and the King was on his departure from *Stockholm*, intending to go and see his Fleet at *Carelson*, and afterwards his Forces in *Schonen*; And 'twas said, his Majesty would himself pass over with them to his Territories in *Germany*, in case the Differences between the King of *Denmark* and Duke of *Holstein* be not before amicably adjusted, and that in the mean time he had appointed the Count de *Biele* to command his Forces in *Germany*, in the Quality of *Marschal de Camp* General. They write from *Copenhagen*, that the King of *Denmark* had given Orders for the making some new Levies, and for the fitting out 30 Men of War.

Hague, April 26. The Troops of *Munster* march towards the *Lower Rhine*, to join with those of the other Confederates. We are told from *Vienna*, by Letters of the 14th instant, That the Duke of *Lorraine* is to command in the Empire, and the Prince of *Baden* in *Hungary*. There has been already a Rencontre between the Spaniards and French, in which the latter were routed; 16 of them being kill'd, and 30 carried Prisoners to *Brussels*.

Edinburgh, April 18. The Coronation Oath is settled; And the Committee is to draw up a Letter from the Estates, to be presented to the King, with the Offer of the Crown. The Committee is likewise ordered to prepare forthwith a Report of the Representation to be made to His Majesty concerning the Union. The Estates have ordered 4 Regiments of Foot, and ten Troops of Horse, to be immediately levied, and continued in Pay; Besides the Forces which divers of the Nobility have offered to raise: And that all Papists in the Kingdom shall sell such of their Horses as are worth above 8 *l.* at reasonable Rates for the publick Service. The Estates have put Garisons into the Castles of *Dumfriesshire* and *Argyll*. The Earl of *Balgownie* is made a close Prisoner. Yesterday morning the first Assault was made by Battering against the Castle; Our Cannon have since play'd very briskly; And it's said there are two Breaches made in the Castle Wall: The last Night two or three of *Gordon's* Men got out over the Wall. It is reported, that a Ship sent from *Ireland* with 6000 Stand of Arms, which were design'd to have been landed in the North of *Scotland*, hath been seized on the Western Coast; Whither she was driven by bad Weather.

Kingsale, April 14. 'Tis commonly reported, That, by Agreement between the late King *James II.* and the French King, *Ireland* is to be delivered into the hands of the French, for their Assistance of the late King to recover the Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland*; And 'tis certain, that upon the Arrival of Admiral *Herbert* with the Fleet under his Command, near this Road, *Makillicut* apprehending 'twas the French Fleet, which is daily expected here, was preparing to withdraw all his Forces from hence, that the French might take Possession of this Place and Forts; But upon the nearer approach of Admiral *Herbert*, discerning 'twas the English Fleet, he put all things in a readiness to oppose them.

Tiverton, April 11. This Day being the Coronation of their most Excellent Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, divers Gentlemen and others, of the Principal Inhabitants of this Town, to the number of 150 on Horseback, and 500 on Foot, having first obtained Leave of the Mayor, appeared in Arms, and conducted the Mayor, Recorder, Burgesses and Common Council, to the Church, in very good Order; After which they drew into a Field, where they exercised in the presence of the Mayor and Corporation (For whom a Tent