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Messina, Febr. 10.

THE English Convoy, commanded by Captain Cole, is arrived here with the Merchant Ships from Smirna; and those from Scanderoon, Gallipoli, and are daily expected.

March 10. Upon the Instances of the Spanish Ambassador, with the Consent of the Great Duke of Tuscany, and the Republick of Venice, who, as our Neighbours, are concerned in the Preservation of the Health of this City, the Quarantine to be performed by the Neapolitan Cardinals has been shortened to 20 days, which being the Cardinals Guidici, Delfino, Ciceri, and Dupre, are arrived here this day, and it's believed they will enter into the Conclave to morrow.

Cardinal Norfolkke was in the Conclave 3 or 4 days ago, but 7 or 8 are come out, because of their indisposition, so that there are now but 47 Cardinals in the Conclave, who seem to have yet no Intention to come in Election, though they continue their Scrutinies every day; the Party of the Zealors, which is very considerable, seem to have the Choice fall upon Cardinal Barberigo Bishop of Padua, who, they believe, will tread in the steps of Innocent XI. and suppress the Abuses of Nepotism; but the other Factions do not concur therein, and it's believed there will be no Election made till after the arrival of the French Cardinals, who are daily expected. The last week last happened a Fire in the Conclave, which gave great disturbance to the Cardinals, and did considerable damage, which could be quenched.

Venice, March 17. We have advice that Vallona is attacked by 16000 Turks, under the Command of the Serafiquier of Albania; and that the Captain General Moceniga was gone thither with the Men of War and Gallies to endeavour its relief.

Frankfort, March 25. We have an account from Dresden, that Saxons Regiments are already on their march towards the Rhine; and that the rest would follow very speedily; and several Companies are come hither to make the necessary Provision for them. It is said that the two Regiments of Saxe Gotha will be sent to the Assistance of the Duke of Savoy. The French threaten to burn Strassburg and Stromberg; and there is a Report, that they have already laid the first of these places in Ashes.

Cologne, March 27. We have an account from Cleves, the 24th instant, that Lieutenant-General Spaen arrived the 22th from the Hague, that the day following he went from thence to Maestricht; and that all the Troops quartered in that Country were on their march towards the same.

Paris, March 24. The French King parted from Versailles the 17th, with the Dauphin, the Duke of Chartres, and the Duke of Orleans being to meet him at Fontenay, intending to be the 21th in the Camp before Mons, which place the Marquis de Boufflers invested on the 19th. The Marshalls of Duras, la Feuillade, and Luxembourg, are to command at the Siege; and under them the Prince de Soubise, the Marquis de Joyeuse, the Marquis de Boufflers, the Sieur du Rubantel, the Duke de Launay, and the Sieur Roze, as Lieutenant-Generals; the Marquis de Villars, the Marquis de Congis, the Duke de Bourbon, the Prince de Conti, the Duke de Maine, the Grand Prior of France, and the Count de Montchevreuil, as Marshalls of Camp. We hear likewise, that Monsieur Catinat is ordered, with 12000 Foot and 3000 Cavalry, to relieve Nizza; and the Count d'Esprees, with a Squadron of Men of War from Thoulon, and 20 Gallies, commanded by the Chevalier de Nouilles, is to keep the Sea, to hinder the putting any Succors into Nizza, or the Ports belonging to those places. By a Ship arrived at St. Malo, from the West-Indies, we have Intelligence, that the Sieur Cussy, Governor of the French Colony of St. Domingo, having drawn what Troops he could together, to oppose the Spaniards that were entered into the said Colony, they came, on the 21th of January, to a sharp Engagement, in which the French were routed, with great Loss; and the Sieur Cussy himself killed. They write from the said Colony, that the Dukes Council were treating with the Marquis d'Obizzi, the Emperor's Minister, about sending an Imperial Garison into the City of Mansua.

Brussels, March 28. The Town of Mons was invested by the French on the 15th instant, who have ever since been employ'd in working on their Lines, which are of a great Circuit, and fortified with Redoubts: They pretend to attack the place on the side of the Marfhes, where 'tis weakest, and to that end endeavour to drain them. These Works have so taken them up, that they did not open their Trenches till last Sunday night; and about the same time they had finished three Batteries, and began to play upon the Town; they have since continued to fire very furiously, and thrown in a great many Bombs, which set some Houses on fire, but 'twas soon quenched. They have made several Attacks upon a Wind-mill and a Redoubt, which stands on the River near the Suburbs, and is a considerable Post, but have been as often repulsed; with the loss, as 'tis said, of 7 or 800 men, and of their chief Engineer, who is generally reported to be Monieur Vauban; and in two Sallies the Beheged have made upon them; they have lost almost as many more. Colonel Brannaccio, and several other Officers, are got into the Town; and a Person is come hither with a Letter from the Prince de Bergue to our Governor, wherein he tells him, That Things were in such a Condition in the Town, and the People so resolved to do their utmost to prevent their falling under the French Tyranny, that he durst promise they would make a very good Defence. In the mean time the Forces, design'd for their relief, are marching with all imaginable diligence, from their several Quarters, to the Rendezvous which is appointed near this place, where, by the end of this week, there will be together 50000 men: 25 pieces of Cannon were brought hither on the 24th, out of the Arsenal of Malines, to which will be added those that are already here, for the Train of Artillery; and such Care is taken to provide Bread and Forage for the Army, that they will have more than enough. We have advice of the arrival of the Scotch Forces in Zealand, and that they were on their march from thence towards Ostend and Bruges. Several Deserters are come hither from the Camp before Mons, who say, That the French meet with greater Difficulties than they expected; that they are not without their Fears that the place will be relieved; and that they do all they can to secure and fortifie their Camp.

Leeuwe, March 25. Yesterday marched through this place towards Brussels 4 Regiments of Foot, 5 of Horse, and 3 of Dragoons: And this morning 2 more of Dragoons, 2000 of the Troops of Liege are expected here this evening; and to morrow the Brandenburg Forces, quartered in the Country of Liege, will march through this Town towards the general Rendezvous: A vast number of Wagons have likewise passed through here with Hay and Oats for the use of the Army.

Hague, March 30. The King returned hither from Loos the 21th in the Evening; Prince Waldecke waited on His Majesty that night, and having received his Orders, went the next day to Brussels, near which place, the Forces that are drawing together for the Relief of Mons, are to have their general Rendezvous. On the 26th the King, after having taken His Leave of the States-General, parted from hence for Flanders by the way of Breda, where His Majesty intends to stay 3 or 4 days: The Duke of Zell followed His Majesty on the 27th: And the Baron de Chauveret, General of the Lunenburg Forces, is likewise gone to Brussels, and it's thought he may have the command of our Horse in this occasion. In the mean time the best account we have of the Siege is, That Mons was invested on the 15th by the Enemies Horse, that the two or three days following their Foot came up, and took their several Posts. That the 19th they began their Line of Circumvallation, on which they employ great numbers of Country People; that besides those that work on their Lines, they have a great many men to dig Drains for the Marfhes, which render the Town inaccessible on the side towards France, and that they have also new invented Machines for draining them, and great Planks to bear their Cannon. That the French King came into the Camp the 22th, but did

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did not stay there, having his Quarters at *St. Guislain*, and the Dauphin his at *Maubeuge*: That the Trenches were not opened till the 25th at night, and that they began that day to play their Cannon and Mortars upon the Town, but being raised on yielding Ground, one of them sunk and dismounted the Cannon. That the French had attack'd a Wind-mill and a Redoubt, which lies at some distance from the Town, but had been several times repulsed, with great loss, and 'twas confidently reported, that Monsieur *Vauban*, their chief Engineer, was killed there; that the Besieged had made two Sallies with very good Success, having cut off 6 or 700 of the Enemy. That they are very well provided in the Town with Ammunition and Provisions; that the Garison is compos'd of 8 German and Dutch Regiments, 2 of Walloons, one of Spaniards, and 800 Spanish Horse, making together between 6 and 7000 men; that the Burghers bearing Arms are about the same number, being most of them disciplined and experienced men, who have been used to go out upon Parties against the French; that they have uncovered their Houses, and taken the Stones out of the Streets, that they may be the less annoy'd by the Enemies Bombs; that the Garison keep the Outworks, and the Burghers are posted on the Ramparts and in the Town; and are very resolute and active in the defence of the place. 'Tis said, that they have discovered and hang'd three Persons that were Spies, and had a design to fire the Magazine. There is a Report, that the French have taken the Wind-mill, though with the loss of above 1000 men.

His Majesty, before His departure from hence, declared Count *de Solms* General of the Foot; the Earl of *Portland*, Monsieur *Ouvirkirke*, Monsieur *Opdam*, and Monsieur *Scherrenmore*, Lieutenant-Generals of the Horse; Monsieur *Zulestein*, Monsieur *Hollspittel*, Count *Tilly*, and Monsieur *Eversum*, Major-Generals of the Horse; and Count *Walraet of Nassau*, Monsieur *Zubi*, Monsieur *du Tell*, and Count *Noyelles*, Major-Generals of Foot. My Lord *Selkirke* is going from His Majesty to *Copenhagen*, to return the King of *Denmark's* Compliment, which he made to His Majesty here by one of his Bed-chamber.

By Letters from *Terrere* in *Zealand*, of the 25th instant, we have an account, that Their Majesties Forces from *Scotland* were obliged to put in, there by contrary Winds, but that they would march the next day to *Ostend*.

The last Letters from *Turin* say, that the French had besieged *Nizza*; and that the Duke of *Savoy* did resolve to go in Person to relieve it: The Castle is very strong, and there is in it a Garison of 2000 men.

The Elector of *Bavaria* is still at the *Hague*, but intends, in a day or two, to return for *Germany*, to halten the opening of the Campaign on the *Rhine*.

*Breda*, March 30. The King arrived here the 26th in the Evening. Yesterday came hither an Express from *Brussels*, with the News, that the French had attack'd a Wind-mill and a Redoubt near *Mons*, and were thrice repulsed, with the loss of 2 great many men. This morning the Marquis *de Monaco* arrived here from *Brussels*, and brings an account, that the French had burnt part of the Town with their Bombs; but that in the Attack of the Wind-mill they had almost lost a whole Regiment. And that our Troops will be all drawn together to-morrow. The King goes to *Brussels* on Sunday next, and will be there that night.

*Dublin*, March 20. Our Parties continue to be very successful in the pursuit of the Rapperies, having of late killed and taken a great number of them. We had yesterday a fresh account from our Frontiers, of the distracted condition of the Enemy; their Army is let loose to live upon the *Kereights*, so that their standing Forces and the Rapperies are now upon the same foot; and there are great Heats and Animosities among them: the same is said by the Deserters that come in every day. They write from *Mullingar*, that some hundreds of the *Kereights*, which formerly lived in the Country of *Louth*, with their Women, Children, and abundance of Cattel, were come in under Their Majesties Protection.

From *Youghall* we have an account, that upon advice of *Sarsfield's* drawing together part of the Rebels Army and Militia, at *Knockany*, with a design to attack *Fermoy-bridge*, a Detachment was sent on the 6th instant from *Youghall* to strengthen the Garison of that place; but we hear since, that *Sarsfield* only view'd the Troops he had drawn together, and pick'd the most serviceable men out of the Militia, and sent them to join the Army in *Connacht*. About 3 or 4 days ago a Discovery was made of a most barbarous Murder committed by the Irish upon 8 of Colonel *Faulke's* Soldiers about 6 miles from hence; for which divers Persons have been apprehended, and the matter is now under Examination.

*Deal*, March 24. On the 21th instant Sir *Ralph Delaval* sailed out of the *Downs*, with a Squadron of Their

Majesties Ships under his Command, towards the Coast of *France*. This day came in Rear-Admiral *Rooke* in the *Charles Galley*, from the Coast of *Holland*. Sir *John Jervis* is now under Sail with the *Victory*, and another Man-of-War, for the *Buoy of the North*. The *Edgar* has sent in a Vessel of 300 Tuns, laden with Iron, Pitch and Tar, and bound, as it's believed, for *France*.

*Whitehall*, March 19. This day *Nicholas Dupin Esq*, Deputy Governor of the King and Queen's Corporation of the *Linen Manufacture* in England and Ireland, had the Honour to wait on His Majesty, to give her an account of the great Success and Progress made in the said Manufacture here in England, where many Thousands of Poor are already employed in the same, with which His Majesty was extremely Satisfied: And he is now going for Ireland to set up the said Manufacture in that Kingdom.

*Whitehall*, March 25. Their Majesties being graciously pleas'd to Confer a Mark of Their Royal Favour on Sir *Edward Villiers* Kt. Master of the Horse to the Queen, have Created him a Baron and Viscount of this Kingdom, by the Name and Style of Baron *Villiers* of *King*, and Viscount *Villiers* of *Dartford* in the County of *Kent*.

Whereas the Gold Plate, given by the Right Honorable the Lord *Lovelace*, was to be Run for in *Woodstock-Park* in *Oxfordshire* on Saturday the 11th of April next, that Day being Easter-Eve, the Lordship hath thought fit to defer the Running for the said Plate until the 19th of May next, and then to be Run for at the first place.

#### Advertisements.

\* \* \* An Answer to the Paper deliver'd by Mr. *Aiton*, at his Execution, to Sir *Francis Child* Sheriff of *London*, &c. Together with the Paper itself. Licens'd by one of Their Majesties Principal Secretaries of State. Printed for R. Clavel at the Round in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

\* \* \* A new Draught of the Fortifications of *MONS*, as it was taken by Monsieur *Le Duc*, Engineer to the French King, Sold by R. Morden at the Atlas in *Cornhill*, and by T. Barchin at the Globe near *Charing-Cross*, *London*.

Reflections upon the Conduct of Human Life: With Reference to the Study of Learning and Knowledge. By John Norris, M. A. and late Fellow of *All-Souls College* in *Oxford*. To which is annex'd, A Visitation Sermon, by the same Author. The Second Edition, with large Additions. Printed for S. Manby at the Black Bull in *Cornhill*.

\* \* \* At Tom's Coffee-house adjoining to *Ludgate*, this present Thursday, will be sold by Auction an Excellent Collection of scarce and valuable Books, in *Gr. Lat. Fr. Ital. Sp.* and *English*, containing about 700 Folio's, amongst them the Duke of *Lauderdale's* extraordinary Collection of Bibles, in all Languages, particularly that of *Sixtus V. Pontif. Max.* so very rare, beginning exactly at 3 after Noon, and so continue daily (except Saturdays) till all be sold. Catalogues may be had at the place of Sale.

\* \* \* On Monday the 30th, and the 31th instant, and Wednesday the first, the 2d, and the 3d of April, will be sold by Auction a curious Collection of Paintings and Limnings, by the best Masters, (viz. *Michael Angelo*, *Claudy Lorraine*, *Caracina*, *Vanhook*, *Floermeer*, *Vousterman*, *Wooterfon*, and several others) at *Smythers* Coffee-house by the Custom-house in *Thames-street*, beginning exactly at 3 after Noon: They may be view'd at the time of Sale. Catalogues may be had at the said place.

Lost the 24th instant from the Duke of *Southampton's* Stable at *Lamaby* near *Eltham* in *Kent*, a long light grey Gelding, about 15 hands, low back'd, with a long cut Tail, truss all; and Chestnut Gelding above 14 hands, with a Star and Blaze, a cut Tail, rough Legg'd, having all his Paces, both coming 7. Whoever secures them, and gives Notice to Mr. *Harrison*, Goldsmith, at the *Hea* and *Chicken* in *Cheapside*, *London*, shall have 5 Guineas.

*William Cooper*, a Silver-smith in *Cheapside* (who formerly lived in *Black Friars*), a blackish Man, well proportioned, aged 22, with a large thick Nose, a full Eye, thick Legs, and of a clear Complexion, went away with a considerable Sum of Money; it's believed he will take Shipping: If he'll return, he shall be kindly received: Or whoever secures him, and gives Notice to Mr. *John Bell* at the *Fountain Tavern* at *Aldersgate*, *London*, shall have 5 Guineas Reward.

*William Grining*, Drum-Maker to the Office of the Ordnance, who formerly dwells at the *Bridge-foot*, and lately at *Horsley-Down*, now liveth in the *Tower* of *London*, where any Person may be furnish'd with Drums of all sizes for the *Militia*, or other places, at reasonable Rates.

RUN away the 19th instant from *William Johnson* of *Brent* in *Middlesex*, Esq. an East-India Black Boy, named *Teby*, aged about 19, being pretty tall and slender, and his Hair newly cut off; he wore a blue Livery with Brass Buttons, lined with Orange-colour; and was seen in *Essex* the day he went away. Whoever brings him to *Captain Noble* at the *Fountain Tavern* in the *Minors*, *London*, shall have a Guinea Reward, and Charge of the *Minor*.

There are several Hundreds of choice White and Grey Canary Birds, newly come from *Germany*, to be sold at Mr. *Postels* at the Sign of the *Royal Exchange* and *Dutch Coffee-house* build at the *Royal Exchange*, in *Thread-needle-street*, *London*.

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