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Rome, March 15.

ON Monday last the Pope held a Consistory, wherein the 4 last Preconised French Bishops were confirmed, and 4 others proposed, of those that did not sit in the Assembly of 1682, and whose Churches, according to the Council of Lyon, are not subject to the Regale; viz. the Abbot *Verjus* Bishop of *Gracs*, the Abbot *de Brou* Bishop of *Amiens*, the Abbot of *Poussin* Bishop of *Tarbes*, and the Abbot *Sauvri* Bishop of *Sees*; When the usual Question was put to the Cardinals, whether they did approve of their Preconisation, only *Altieri*, *Madschini*, *d'Estree*, *Furbin*, and *Ottoboni*, declared their Consents; *Chigi* was of a contrary Opinion, which he expressed in few Words, but *Aguirre* and *Cobredo* opposed with many Arguments, and great Earnestness, the proceeding any farther, in this matter, till the Pope had received Satisfaction from the Court of France; These were answered by *d'Estree* and *Furbin*, and the dispute grew very warm between them, when the Pope put a stop to it, by ordering the Preconisation of the said four Bishops to go on in the usual Form; The rest of the Cardinal finding him resolved in the Thing, said nothing more on his or other, but many of them are however much dissatisfied, especially those called Zealots, who have since had several Meetings together. We are told that the Pope has named Signior *Caravallerini* to be his Ordinary Nuncio in France, having for the present laid aside the Thoughts of sending extraordinary Nuncios to the Courts of the Emperor, Spain, and France.

Turin, March 15. We hear from *Pignerol*, That the Count *de'esse*, who at present Commands there in the absence of the Marquis *de Herberville*, had given fresh Orders for cutting down the Trees, and filling up the hollow Ways about the place, which might favour the approach of our Troops in case they should Besiege or Bombard it, as the French seem very much to apprehend they will. The Enemies Parties appear now, and then about *Carmagnole*, *Vigne*, and *Carignan*, to spoil and plunder the Country, but ours do so well observe them, that they are quickly forced to retire. The *Vandois* in the Reccounter they had lately at *Babiano*, with a Detachment of 200 Grenadiers, and 100 Dragoons, who were sent from *Pignerol* to make an Incurion into the Valley of *Lucerne*, killed many of them, and took 33 Prisoners, with several Horses; and since that, they have defeated another French Party near *Vigone*. 'Tis said that the French Army on this side will consist but of 18 or 20000 Men this Campaign, and act defensively. Our Duke intends in few days to go against *Coni*, to view that Garrison, and the new Fortification that are making there. They provide here a great number of Bombs and Carcasses.

Milan March 19. Our Governor has sent 15000 Scudi to *Finale* for the payment of that Garrison, which is now composed of 3000 Men, well provided with all Things necessary for their Defence. The Foreign Cavalry in the Service of this Country is all Remounted; and the like care is taken to recruit the Foot. The Germans expect daily Reinforcements by the way of *Como*. We are told that the Count *de Louvigny* is to remain here as *Maistre de Camp* General of the Forces of this State.

Vinis, March 21. The French Envoy, Monsieur *Rabense*, as, upon the receipt of some new Instructions, demanded another Audience of the Senate. The Advices from the *Levant* continue to speak of the great Efforts that are made by the Turks for carrying on the War this next Summer.

Venna, March 23. The Imperial Regiments that are registered in the Hereditary Countries, are ordered to begin their March forthwith towards *Essecke*, where they

are to be by the middle of the next Month. In the meantime great quantities of Provisions and Ammunition are sent down the *Danube*; and the next Week they will begin to Ship the Artillery, which is to be taken out of the Arsenal here, for the Service of the Army in *Hungary*. By a Person that came from *Belgrade*, on the 7th of this Month, we have advice, that the Turks pretend to take the Field much earlier this Year than they have done in the former Campaigns; That they have quite repaired the Fortifications of the Upper-Town, and are now at Work on those of the Water or Lower-Town; That they have a Garrison of 5 or 6000 Men in the place, and that they were expecting divers Barks with Provisions, guarded by a great many Saikes from *Nicopolis*, and 2000 Janissaries to secure them in their Passage up the *Danube* against our Troops that are posted at the Pass near *Orsova*. We are told by the last Letters from *Dobrussa*, that several Deserters continue to come thither from *Great Walladin*, who say, That the Soldiers of the Garrison talk very much of Capitulating, and that there are only but few of the principal Officers against it, among whom the Age of the Janissaries is the most obstinate in refusing to hearken to a Treaty.

Hildesberg, March 29. A Party of this Garrison has taken and brought thither several Wagons that were filled with Wines and Provisions to *Philipburg*; The same day sent out a Detachment from thence to recover *Hameln*, as they came too late. General *Caprara* is gone from *Hildesberg* on his Journey towards *Flenna*.

Hamburg, April 1. The Letters from *Stockholm* inform us, That the King of Sweden had declared to the Imperial Minister at his Court, that the 3000 Men, which he sends as his Quota, to the Assistance of the Empire, shall be on the *Rhine* by the beginning of *June*. They write from *Berlin*, That the Elector of *Brandenburg* would conduct the Margravian of *Bajwick* to *Torgow* on the 11th of this Month; And that on the 18th would be Celebrated the Marriage between the Elector of *Saxony* and the said Princess.

Paris, March 31. There is some alteration made in the List of General Officers that are to Command the French Forces this next Summer; The Count *de Choiseul*, who was named to be Lieutenant General of the Army in *Germany*, is now appointed to serve with Lieutenant General *Sarsfield*, under the Marechal *de Bellefonds*, on the Coast of *Normandy*; and the Marquis *de Joyeuse*, who was to have served in *Flanders*, goes to *Germany*. According to the last Advices from *Toulon*, the Count *d'Estree* was Sent from thence with 16 Men of War, 6 Fireships, and 3 Gallies carrying Mortars. The Regiment of French Guards has Orders to begin its march towards *Flanders* the 10th of the next Month; The Troops of the Household are to follow in few days after; And the Duke of *Luxembourg*, who went the last week with the Court to *Marli*, is come back, and will set out very speedily to prepare Things for the General Review against the French Kings arrival on those Frontiers, which may be about the end of *April*. This day was opened here the Jubilee, lately Published by the Pope, which is to last a Fortnight. The last Letters from *Rome* give an account, That the Pope had in a Consistory held the 10th instant, Preconised four French Bishops more, and that the rest had great Hopes of obtaining likewise their Bulls.

Brussels, April 2. The Deputies of the Provinces and Towns arrive here daily to Complement our new Governor, by whom they are very kindly received. His Electoral Highness Named on the 31st past 12 Persons of Quality, most of them of this Country, to be Gentlemen of his Bedchamber, of which number are the Prince *de Chimay*, the Prince *de Steenhuyzen*, the Marquis *de D'ys*,
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