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Rome, February 21.

A Consistory was appointed to be held on Monday last, and there was an Expectation that the French Bishops, who still want their Bulls, would have been then Preconised, but it was prevented by the Popes Indisposition; which obliged him to keep his Chamber several days, but he has been much better since Wednesday last, and gave Audience yesterday to the Foreign Ministers. 'Tis generally believed that there will now very shortly be a promotion of Cardinals; and that one of the Princes *Palatins* will be advanced to that Dignity at the Nomination of the Emperor, and the Archbishop of *Paris* at the French Kings. The Prince of *Lichtenstein*, who has resided here several years with the Character of Ambassador Extraordinary from his Imperial Majesty, is recalled, to be Governor to the Arch-Duke *Charles*, the Emperors Second Son; and we are told, that the Count *de Caraffa* is named to succeed him in this Embassy. There is yet no Resolution taken upon the Instances that have been made by the Venetian Ambassador, for leave to raise Men within the Ecclesiastical Dominions for the Service of the Republick; but 'tis certain that the Land Forces that are designed with the Popes Gallies to the *Levant*, will be considerably Reinforced. The Pope has caused Plenary Indulgences in Form of a Jubile to be Published to all such as shall repair to the Three Principal Churches of this City, to Pray for the Souls of those that Perished in the late Terrible Earthquakes in *Sicily* and *Malta*.

Genova, Feb. 21. The two Gallies of the Duke of *Turkis*'s Squadron, which have been some time in this Port, sailed on Wednesday last for *Naples*, to joyn the rest of the Spanish Gallies. This Week arrived here a Vessel from *Thoulon* to buy up Provisions for the Count *d'Estree*, who, according to the Report of the Master of the said Vessel, will be ready to Sail about the end of this Month, with the Squadron under his Command, which lies now at the *Iles of Hieres*. An Express arrived here two days ago from *Madrid*, with Bills of Exchange for a considerable Sum of Money, to be paid, as we are informed, to the Duke of *Savoy*. The Matter in Difference between this Republick, and the Governor of *Milim*, about the Contributions demanded by the German Troops is not yet quite adjusted; and in the mean time the Senate hath thought it necessary to reinforce the Garison of *Savonna* with 500 Men. They write from *Firenze*, that some new Troops are raising within the Great Dukes Territories.

Milan, Feb. 25. Deputies are arrived here from several Princes of *Italy*, who are Feudatories of the Empire, with Money to pay the Contributions demanded of them, which will be distributed among the German Troops that have their Winter-quarters in the Duchies of *Monterrat*, *Parma*, and *Modena*. Our Troops continue to block up *Casal*, the Garison of which place begins to suffer very much through the want they are in of Provisions. The Preparations for the Campaign are carried on with great diligence.

Venice, Feb. 27. Another Convoy is preparing for the *Levant*, which may be ready to Sail about the middle of the next Month; by which time about 1000 new raised Men are expected here to Embark on it. By a Bark from *Dalmatia* we have Advice, That the *Proveditore General Delfino* was gone to *Zara* to take a Review of the Troops quartered thereabouts, which he designed to draw together in order to some Enterprize against the Enemy, who were in no very good Condition to oppose it, having in pursuance of the positive Orders they had received from the Port, sent most of their Forces, who were quartered on those Frontiers, towards *Hungary*, to joyn the Army which the Grand Viceroy intends to Command in Person this next Campaign. We hear from *Malta*, That the Gallies of that Order will be ready to Sail for the *Levant* by the beginning of *April*.

Pembroke, March 17. There is come into our Harbour the *Aleppo*, a Ship of 200 Tuns from *Dublin*, bound to *Spain*. The *Virgin Prize* is still here.

Barnstable, March 17. On Wednesday last a Privateer of *Ostend*, carrying four Guns and 20 Men, came into this Port from Cruising on the Coast of *Ireland*; In their way hither they took a small French Caper, which they Mann'd and sent home; The said Ostender was driven in here by Strefs of Weather.

Weymouth, March 18. On Wednesday came in here the *Bridget Galley*, and next day the *Boulton* from *Portsmouth*. On Friday the *John and Richard Tartan*, the *Weymouth Sloop*, and the *Franke* arrived in *Portland Road* from the Coast of *France*; The *Assistance* Frigate sailed the same day to the Westward. The *Ashby* and *Russel* Gallies are now here; but the latter is going to Sail.

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