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Rome, March 13.

The Cardinal de Fourbin, who at present performs here the Function of Ambassador of France, has had this week twice Audience about the Business of *Liege*, wherein he would fain Engage the Popes Authority; in order to dispose the Election of a new Bishop in favour of that Crown; and hereupon several Consultations have been held; the Result of which (as we are informed) is, that they do not think it prudent for the Pope to concern himself in this Affair. The Ambassador of *Venice* has notified at this Court the Choice that Republick has made of Signior *Silvestro Valier* to be their Doge, in the place of the deceased *Morosini*, and has received the usual Compliments on this occasion. This week arrived here an Express with the news of the death of the Great Dutchess Dowager of *Florcice*, in the 74th Year of her Age; She has left all her Goods and Money to the Cardinal of *Medicis* her second Son, upon Condition that he pay the Salaries and Pensions of her Domestick Servants during their respective Lives. The Pope was this day Complimented by all the Cardinals and Foreign Ministers residing here upon his entering into the 80th Year of his Age. Cardinal *Cibo* lies very ill, and his Recovery is the more despaired of because he is 82 years old.

Genoa, March 20. The Great Council here have deputed two of their Body to Confer with the Envoy from the Governor of *Milan* about the matter of the Contributions, and it's probable the Advice of some German Troops being in motion towards the Frontiers of this State, will hasten the conclusion of it. Several Vessels are arrived in this Port from *Toulon* to lade Corn, and we hear by them that the French are fitting out there a Squadron of Men of War. By a Vessel from the Coast of *Barbary*, we are told, that the Algerines have at this time about 20 Ships at Sea, part whereof are designed for the *Levant*. Two days ago arrived here an Express from *Spain* with Letters for the Governor of *Milan*, and the Viceroy of *Naples* and *Sicily*.

Turin, March 27. The Marquis de *Leganez* returned the last week to *Milan*, after having had several Conferences with the Duke of *Savoy* and the Generals of the Emperors Forces in *Piedmont*. We have advice, that the Mareschal de *Catinat* arrived lately at *Susa*; That he went from thence to *Ours*, and afterwards to *Nizza*, and that he had caufed all the Corn and Meal that was laid up at the last of these places to be carried away for some other service, which makes it

thought, that the French have changed the design they seem'd to have against this Country, and intend now to keep themselves on the Defensive. 'Tis reported that part of the French Troops quartered in *Dauphine* are ordered to march to *Provence*, and that from thence they will be sent by Sea to reinforce their Army in *Catalonia*. Here is a Discourse that General *Palfi* will be appointed to Command the Emperors Forces in *Piedmont* this Campagne, and General *Capriara* in *Hungary*. A great number of empty Bombs were brought hither yesterday from *Milan*, which are to be filled in our Arsenal.

Vienna, March 27. The Recruits that have been raised in the Emperors Hereditary Countreys are to be this week at the several places appointed for their Rendezvous; The new Regiments of Hussars and Heydukes, which are raising for the service of *Piedmont* and the *Upper-Rhine*, are almost compleat; The Gallies are fitting with all expedition to serve on the *Danube*, they having been found of great use during the former Campagnes. We have advice that 4 great Turkish Gallies and divers Saicks are come to *Belgrade*; and 'tis believed they will be sent towards *Peter-Waradin*, to interrupt our communication with that place by Water, as well as to give all the disturbance they can to the Workmen who are employed on the new Fortifications of that place; to prevent which Orders are given to the Sieur d' *Assenberg*, to hasten away such of the Imperial Vessels, as are ready, and to post them near *Peter-Waradin*. The Turks make all the preparations they are able for the next Campagne, and the Han of *Tartary* has promised to join their Army in *Hungary* with a considerable Body of his Troops. At the same time all possible diligence is used on this side to prepare things for an early and vigorous Campagne. 'Tis not yet declared who is to Command the Emperors Forces against the Turks this Summer: The Duke de *Croy* who was in that Station the last year, is, with the Emperors Leave, gone to his Estate on the *Lower-Rhine*, but is expected here again towards the end of the next month. General *Schening* continues still under Arrest; but 'tis probable some temperment will be found to accommodate this matter; and they seem to desire here, it may be that of his going into the Service of the Venetians.

Francfort, April 4. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is still at *Guntzburg*, and will continue there till towards the end of this Month, giving in the mean time all the necessary Orders for hastening the preparations for the Campagne. The Imperialists work very hard to repair the Fortifications of the Castle of *Hydelberg*; The Garrison there has been lately reinforced; as also that of *Hailbron*. The Forces of the Circles of *Franconia* and *Suabia*, are all recruited, and mustered. Several Troops of Horse that