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Leghorn, February 28.

ON the 20th Instant arrived here a Venetian Ship from the Coast of Sicily, and brought the News of an Engagement in the Channel of Malta, between some English, and two French Men of War, and that the latter were taken; which was confirmed by a Bark that came hither the 25th in 8 days from Messina, with the following particulars. The *Plimouth*, *Carlisse*, *Newcastle*, *Southampton*, *Falmouth*, and *Adventure* Frigats, the first being a Third Rate of 62 Guns, and all the rest Fourth Rates, Cruising near the Island of *Pantalasia*, the 28th of the last month, early in the morning, discovered two French Men of War, one of 70 Guns, named the *Content*, Commanded by the Marquis de *Chalard*, the other the *Trident*, of 60 Guns, Commanded by Count *Danoy*, who supposing the English Frigats to be Merchant men, came up towards them, but finding their mistake bore away, and the English made all the sail they could after them. It was four in the Afternoon before the *Plimouth*, commanded by Captain *Killigrew*, could get up with them, and the Wind being then calm, the alone Engaged both the French Ships for the space of more than an hour, in which time Captain *Killigrew* was killed with a Cannon shot; Then came up the *Falmouth*, Capt. *Grantam* Commander, who engaged them for near another hour, till the other 4 English Frigats came in, whereupon the French separated; The *Carlisse*, *Newcastle*, and *Southampton*, pursued the biggest of them, and the *Falmouth* and *Adventure* the lesser, the *Plimouth* being forced to bear away for *Messina*, having lost her Fore-Top-Mast, and her other Masts and Rigging being much shattered; The French made a Running Fight the Night following, and part of the next day, when their Ships being much shattered, and the Count de *Danoy*, one of their Commanders, with many of their men killed, they both yielded; One of them, called the *Trident*, being Leaky, and it blowing very fresh, the English sent her to *Gorgonti*, and carried the *Content* to *Messina*, where they arrived the 2d Instant. The *Plimouth* had 14 men killed and 30 wounded, but what loss the other Ships suffered we do not yet certainly know; Capt. *Killigrew* was Buried at *Messina*, and the *Carlisse*, *Newcastle*, *Southampton*, and *Adventure*, being refitted, put to Sea again the 15th, having (as 'tis said) notice that two other French Frigats were Cruising near *Sicily*; And the *Plimouth* and *Falmouth* were also refitting, together with the *Prize*. The Master of the said Bark farther says, that at his departure four Ships arrived at *Messina*, supposed to be the *Jacob*, *Ruby*, *Adventure*, and *Prosperous African*, from *Zant*; And that the Governor of *Messina* had received Advice, by an Express, that great shooting had been heard to the Westward of that Island, which 'twas thought might be occasioned by the English Frigats meet-

ing with the two French Ships before-mentioned. Two Spanish Barks are arrived here from *Messina*, one brings the Marquis de *Chalard* and 215 French Mariners, the other 70; They separated at Sea from a Maltese Ship that had 230 more on Board, whom the English Consul at *Messina* had sent away with these Conveyances with a Months Provision. And the said Consul Advises by his Letters, that about 200 French Prisoners more still remain, the greatest part Sick and Wounded, who were on Board the *Prize* at *Gorgonti*. The French are making ready their Galleys at *Marsilles*, but we do not hear that they have yet begun to Work on the fitting out their Fleet at *Toulon*. They have at present 6 Frigats abroad, with some other Cruisers. The *Herne*, Captain *Barret*, arrived here the 19th Instant; and the next day came in a Ship called the *Admiral de Ruyter*.

Turin, Febr. 28. Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* returned hither this Evening from *Vienna*, and the Marquis de *Leganes* is expected in a day or two from *Milan*, when 'tis believed a great Council of War will be held, finally to concert all Matters in relation to the Siege of *Casal*. We are told that two German Regiments, who have had their Winter Quarters in the Duchy of *Modena*, are now on their march to *Final*; from whence they are to pass by Sea to *Catalonia*.

Venice, March 4. The last Letters that are come hither from the Venetian Fleet, are dated the 12th of *December*, and those from *Smirna* are 10 days fresher; They give an account, that the Captain-General continued with 20 Men of War, as many Galleys, 6 Galleasses, and divers Tenders, and other Vessels, in the Haven of *Spalmadori*, to observe the motions of the Enemy; That in the mean time they work'd with great diligence on the Fortifications of *Scio*, repairing the old, and raising several new Works for its better defence. That the Turkish Fleet, consisting in 19 Men of War and 20 Galleys, were still at *Smirna* and *Focis* Commanded by the Captain *Bassa*; That they were drawing together all the men they could near *Smirna*, and were providing Bombs; And it was given out, that they expected several Vessels from *Constantinople*, to serve for carrying their Troops over to *Scio*, which for the most part are composed of raw undisciplin'd men. The Senate have sent Orders to the *Proveditore* of *Dalmatia* to raise 1500 Albanians, to be sent to our Army in the *Levant*, and has directed their Ambassador at *Rome* to hasten the departure of the Popes Galleys to join the Venetian Fleet, together with those of *Malta*. The Earthquake that happened here the last Week, was more violent in the Neighbouring Country, where some Houses were thrown down, and several Persons killed.

Vienna, March 5. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has, since his arrival here, been present at several Councils of War; He will shortly return to the *Rhine*, and General *Capra* to *Hungary*. The Recruits that have been raised by the States of the Hereditary Provinces, are daily sent to the Regiments in which they are to serve. The last Letters from *Turkey* said, the Enemy went on with their Preparations for the recovering of *Scio*, but that it would be the beginning of *April* before they could be ready to put that design in Execution. A Party of the Garrison of *Temeswar* made lately an Incurtion, and committed some spoil in the Neighborhood of *Peter Waradin*.

Cologne, March 15. Two days ago marched near this City 1200 men of the Elector of *Bavaria's* Troops, who came from his Territories in *Germany*, and are going to serve in *Flanders*. A good number of Recruits have passed within these few days in their way to *Holland*, for the Swiss Regiments in the Service of that State.

Paris, March 14. 'Tis said that the French King will begin his Journey to *Compeigne* the 20th of the next