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Rome, March 5.

THE present Duke of *Modena* has, by his Minister at this Court, resigned into the Popes Hands his Cardinals Cap; And on *Monday* next, the Ceremony of this Resignation will be performed in a publick Consistory. 'Tis said a Marriage is now treating between the said Duke, and the Princess Dowager of *Parma*, Sister to the Empress. An Express arrived here this Week with Letters from the Chapter of the Church of *Ratisbonne*, to acquaint the Pope with the choice they have made of the Elector of *Cologne* to be their Bishop, and to desire his Confirmation of it. The Great Duke of *Tuscany* has let the Pope know, that he intends to make a Visit to the Chapel of *Loretto*, and desires he may do it privately, without any Ceremony from the Popes Officers.

Venice, March 11. Yesterday, and this day, were Ship'd at the *Lido* 1000 Soldiers, who are to pass to the *Levant* with the Convoy that lies now ready to sail. Several Vessels are taken up to Transport thither the residue of the Forces designed for that Service, which are expected here by the end of this month, to the number of about 2000. The Men of War and Gallies that are Building in our Arsenal will be Launched in a short time, and sent with all the expedition that may be to reinforce the Venetian Fleet; which, by our last Advice, lay between *Scio* and *Smyrna*, to observe the motion of the Enemies.

Turin, March 14. Prince *Eugene of Savoy* went from hence yesterday to *Milan*, to give the necessary Orders concerning the Siege of *Casal*, which 'tis said will be begun about the 24th of this month; and some of the Forces, whose Quarters were most remote, are already marching that way. There is a Report that the Mareschal de *Catinat* is come to *Pignrol*; and that the Garison there has been lately strengthened by several Regiments from *Nice*. The French Troops in *Dauphine* are preparing for a march, but the Mountains are so covered with Snow that they are at present unpassable. The Duke of *Savoy* is sending a reinforcement of two Battalions to the Garrison of *Coni*.

Vitima, March 16. The Recruits that have been raised in the Hereditary Provinces are sent to *Hungary*: The Commissaries are busied with providing

Magazines: The Officers are Commanded to repair forthwith to their Commands: And every thing is disposing for an early Campagne, which many think will be opened in *Hungary* with the Siege of *Temeswaer*. Prince *Lewis of Baden* will go from hence presently after the *Easter* Holidays to his House in *Bohemia*, where he purposes to make some stay, and then to return to the *Rhine*.

Cologne, March 25. The Brandenburg Forces who have their Winter Quarters in this Diocess, are ordered to be in a readiness to march by the middle of the next month. 'Tis said that the *Munster* Troops that are Quartered in these parts are to march towards the *Meuse*.

Hamburg, March 25. They write from *Berlin*, that their Electoral Highnesses of *Brandenburgh* design to go from thence the next month to *Cleves*, where they will pass most of the Summer. The Letters from *Poland* say, the last Convoy of Provisions which the Tartars put into *Caminnic*, is sufficient to Supply that Garison for six months; The Tartars, since their Repulse at *Lemberg*, are retired out of the Dominions of that Crown, but they committed great Spoil in their march.

Paris, March 25. The Mareschals de *Tourville*, *d'Estree*, and *Boufflers*, parted from hence on *Monday* last, the first for *Provence*, the second for *Britany*, and the last for *Flanders*. The General Officers of the French Armies in *Flanders*, and on the *Rhine*, are not yet declared for the next Campagne; 'tis generally believed, the Mareschal de *Villeroy* will Command a body of Troops about *Courtray*; and the Mareschal de *Boufflers* another towards the *Meuse*: But the Principal Care of this Court seems to be to secure their Sea Coasts; and several Redoubts are ordered to be made on the Sands near *Dunkirk*. We hear that the two French Men of War, called the *Marquis* and the *Pearle*, that went out with the *Content* and the *Trident*, which were lately taken by the English in the Channel of *Malta*, are returned to *Toulon*, and have brought in with them an English Merchant Ship called the *Princess*, bound home from *Leghorne*. There are Letters from *Piedmont* which say, that Prince *Eugene of Savoy* had, with the German Troops, Invested *Casal* on one side, and the Spaniards on the other; That the Duke of *Savoy* was arrived before

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