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Leighorne, March 14.

This week arrived here in a Maltese ship 200 Seamen more, who belonged to the two French Men of War that were lately taken by the English in the Channel of *Malta*. Two French Privateers, one of 36, and the other of 45 Guns, were forced into this Port some days ago by bad Weather, and are now ready to sail again. We hear from *Toulon* and *Marsilles*, that the French are fitting out some Cruisers; but that their main Fleet is laid up.

Milan, March 16. Our Governor the Marquis *de Leganes*, went to *Turin* about the latter end of the last month, to confer with the Duke of *Savoy* about the Affairs of the War, and returned from thence the 6th Instant. His Excellency gave out Orders presently after, that all the Officers of the Spanish Troops should forthwith repair to their respective Commands, and that they should be in a readiness to leave their Quarters by the 16th of this month; but their march is since deferred for some few days longer. Prince *Eugene of Savoy* is arrived here from *Piedmont*. The German Troops that are to pass from hence to *Catalonia* under the Command of the Prince of *Hesse-Darmstadt*, are on their march towards *Final*, where they are to embark.

Turin, March 18. The Duke of *Savoy* intends to go from hence to morrow to *Frasinet* near *Casal*, where the Governor of *Milan* and Prince *Eugene of Savoy* will meet him; In the mean time the Troops are moving that way, and it's believed the Siege of *Casal* will be formed by the end of this month.

Vence, March 18. The Ships designed with Provisions, and 1000 Land Soldiers for the *Levant*, are ready to sail, and stay only for a fair Wind. The Ambassador of this Republick at *Rome* has demanded of the Pope an assistance of Men to be employed in *Dalmatia*, but there seems to be no great likelihood of his obtaining it. The Letters from *Spain* of the 8th of this month say, the Turks, by the preparations they are making, seem still to have a design upon *Cyclus*, and that the Venetian Proveditore General omitted on the other side no Care in providing for the security of that Place, and our other Frontiers on that side.

Vienna, March 19. General *Haufler* is ordered to hasten his return to *Hungary*, whither he designs to be going about the beginning of the next month, to put all things in a readiness for opening the Campaign. The Imperial Troops that have their Winter Quarters in *Hungary*, are ordered to Rendezvous near *Buda* by the first of *May*; The Emperor has not yet declared who shall have the Chief Command of his Army in those parts; but the general Opinion is, that General *Capprara* is designed for it. Prince *Lewis of Baden* continues

his resolution of leaving this place presently after the *Easter* Holidays; and his stay in *Bohemia* will be very short, intending to be early in the Field on the *Rhine*. The young Prince of *Transylvania* is still here, and there is yet no talk of his returning home. The Troops the Emperor has ordered to *Piedmont* to supply the room of those that are to be sent from thence to *Catalonia*, are on their march.

Frankfort, March 27. The Deputies of the Neighbouring Princes who were assembled here to consult about the preparations for the next Campaign, are separated again. The French have lately changed their Garisons near the *Rhine*.

Cologne, March 29. The Baron *Van Lantsberg* is shortly expected here from *Westphalia*; 'Tis said he is to command the *Munster* Troops that are to serve on the *Rhine* this Summer; and the Baron *de Swartz* those that are to march to *Flanders*. A Company of Bombardiers passed by this place yesterday in their march towards *Piedmont*.

Paris, March 28. The French Kings Journey to *Compiègne* is appointed for the 26th of the next month; and the Review of the Troops of the Household is to be there on the 8th or 10th of *May*. We have an account of a considerable Loss the French Troops have lately suffered in *Catalonia*; The Particulars are as follow; A Detachment of 800 Men being made out of 5 of our best Regiments, to raise Contributions, and to put some Villages, which had refused to pay them, under Military Execution, they were in their march attack'd by a Body of the Spanish Miquelets, (who are the Militia of the Country) and after a sharp dispute, in which many of our Men were killed, retired to a Wood for shelter, and from thence to the Church of a Neighbouring Village, which they endeavoured to maintain, but at last were forced to surrender at discretion; Of the whole French Party but few came off; and these were most of them wounded, and all made Prisoners of War: The *Sieur Juigne*, who commanded them, was killed. The Poll Tax goes on very heavily; In occasions great Murmurings and Complaints in the Country, and will hardly raise more than one third of what was at first expected; All the Branches of the ordinary Revenues do in like manner fall very much short of what they used to yield by reason of the general Poverty of the Kingdom, the Interruption of Commerce, and the great scarcity and mortality of the last year. The last Letters from *Piedmont* give an account, that the Troops of the Allies were marching to besiege *Casal*. The General Officers are not yet named to Command the French Armies the next Campaign.

Liege, March 29. A Party of the Garison of *Huy* went out some days ago towards *Namur*, and took near that place two Boats laden with Hay and 30 Horses, which had been bought up for the service of some of the French Troops.

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