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Messina, April 16.

WE have Advice, that the Squadron of 8 Maltese Gallies met lately near Cape Pazzaro, with the Admiral, Vice-Admiral, and Rear Admiral of Tripoli, being Ships of between 40 and 50 Guns, bound to the Levant, and after a Fight of several hours, took the two first, the last escaping, though very much disabled; The Malteses lost about 100 men, and the Turks a greater number, and 500 were made Slaves, who reported, That 4 other Tripolitan Men of War were sailed to the Westward.

Leghorne, May 9. The first instant arrived here a Dutch Ship, which came the 23th of March from Smirna, and the 15th past from Messina, and brought an account, That the homeward bound Turkey Ships were still at Messina; and that the *Bolton Galley* was arrived there in 35 days from Scanderoun, and 20 from Cyprus. The 2d came in a Bark from Palermo, by which we had advice, That two flushing Privateers had taken and carried into that Port two French Ships, one called the *Madonna di Buon Riscontro*, Commanded by Captain Martino, and the other Commanded by Captain Souvaire, the first bound to this place, and the other to *Marfeilles*, their Cargoes being valued at 20000 pieces of Eight and upwards. This News was confirmed by a Genouefse, who arrived here the 9th in 10 days from Messina, and brought hither the Commanders and Mariners belonging to the said

Ships. The flushing Privateers were gone out again the 10th, they have of late sustained in these Seas, that they give now 25 l. per Cent. for Insurance, upon the Ships they expect from Turkey, whereas before they did not pay more than Seven. Yesterday a French Caper took on this Coast a Spanish Bark laden with Corn from Genoua to Palermo, being before abandoned by her Men, who got ashore. By a Vessel from *Marfeilles* we understand, That the French Fleet is laid up at Toulon; but that they are fitting out some of their Gallies; That an Embargo is laid up on all Merchant Ships; and that the People are in great fear of the Confederates Fleet appearing on that Coast.

Turin, May 13. The Duke of Savoy continues still at *Frasinet*, and has sent for more Forces, to be employed for guarding the new Line of Circumvallation round *Casal*, by which that place will be kept under a very close Blockade. The Confederate Forces are at their first coming into the Field to have 3 Camps; The Germans at *Rivoli*, the Spaniards at *Aquets*, and the Troops of Savoy at *Pancalier*. The French continue still in their Quarters.

Venice, May 14. Another Convoy is preparing here, and with it a considerable Reinforcement will be sent to our Army in the Levant. We hear by Letters of the 9th past from *Napoli di Romania*, that all imaginable diligence was used in resisting the Venetian Fleet; That the Captain General had made Men of War of two of the biggest Merchant Ships that served before to carry Provisions; and because the Turks were drawing together about *Thebes*, with a design as 'twas believed, to enter with an Army into the *Morea*, he had ordered 8000 Foot and 2500 Horse to incamp under the Command of General *Steinau*, to guard the Isthmus of *Corinth*, which is the only pass by which they can come into that Country. The Turkish Fleet was by our last advice still within the *Dardanelles*.

Constantinople, May 14. The Officers who are to serve

in the Imperial Army in Hungary this Summer, are ordered to repair immediately to their Commands; and in the mean time the Troops march to their Rendezvous near *Buda*. The Emperor has not yet declared the General of his Army, to Command under the Elector of Saxony. 'Tis believed the 8000 Saxons are by this time on their march towards Hungary. General *Veterani* is gone to assemble the Forces, which are to act under his Command on the Frontiers of *Transilvania*. The Letters from Turkey say, That the Grand Visier is expected at *Belgrade* some time before the Sultan, to prepare things against his arrival.

Francfort, May 22. The Confederate Forces that are to act on the Upper Rhine this Campagne, march towards *Hailbron*, where their Rendezvous is appointed about the end of this month. Prince *Lewis* of Baden is at *Guntsburg*, and has ordered Boats to be provided for the making 2 Bridges over the Rhine. Yesterday came to this place 30 small Vessels, and in each of them there was a Wagon, upon which the said Vessel may, if there be occasion, be carried by Land; They were sent this day towards *Mentz*. The French Forces assemble near *Wintzingen*, about half a League from *Neustadt*. Rhine inform us, That the Forces on both sides are marching into the Field; that several Imperial Regiments were already arrived in the Neighbourhood of *Hailbron*, and that the whole Army would be formed about the 4th or 5th of the next month. The French have their Rendezvous between *Neustadt* and *Wintzingen*. The Brandenburg Forces quartered in this Diocess will begin their march the next week towards the *Meuse*.

Paris, May 23. The French King goes to-morrow to *Marli*; and in a few days after to *Trianon*, where he will pass great part of the Summer. The *Marschal de Villeroi* will part from hence this Evening for *Flanders*; and the *Marschal de Lorge* in a day or two for *Germany*. Yesterday was performed at *Versailles* the Ceremony of Investing the Duke of *Burgundy*, and the Duke of *Anjou*, with the Order of the *Holy Ghost*. On Wednesday next will begin the General Assembly of the Clergy, consisting of 5 Archbishops, 27 Bishops, and 32 Abbots, who represent the first and second Order, and are chose by the Clergy of the 16 Provinces in this Kingdom; The Abbot *Colbert de Croissy*, and the Abbot *Colbert Villacors*, are their Agents General, and the Archbishop of *Paris* President of this Assembly; Their Business is to give the French King a free Gift for the Service of the War. The *Marschal de Noailles* has represented to the Court, That the French Forces in *Catalonia* are so much weakened, that it will be necessary to send them farther Supplies of Men, to put the Army in the same condition it was the last year, whereupon a Detachment of the Troops that Wintered in *Guenne*, is ordered thither.

Brussels, May 25. The Elector of *Bavaria* went hence the 23th instant to the Camp at *Zellick*, and held a Council of War with the Duke of *Holstein Ploen*, and the other General Officers; Several thousand Pioners are Summoned in with a great many Wagons for the Service of the Forces at *Sellick*, and we are told the Army will march the 27th or 28th of this month towards *Nimove*. There are to be several other Camps of the Confederate Forces in these parts; and one on the *Meuse*. The Prince de *Vaudemont* went last Monday to *Dejnse*, and returned the same day to *Ghent*.

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