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Venice, February 10.

THis week 200 Dragoons of the Regiment commanded by Col. *Massa* arrived here, and the rest are expected in a short time: General *Steinau* raises a Regiment of Germans; and other Forces are raising likewise for the Service of this Republick, who will be all sent to re-inforce their Army in the Levant. The new Men of War and Gallies that are fitting in the Arsenal of this City, will be ready to go to sea by the beginning of *April*; and 4 Men of War more and two Gallies are ordered to be fitted out to cruise in the Gulph, for the Security of our Navigation. The Great Prince of *Tuscany* continues still here, being attended by many Persons of Quality; and the Senate have made him a Present of the choicest Curiosities this place affords. Signior *Archinto*, who has resided here several years as Nuncio from the Pope, is gone in the same Quality to the Court of *Spain*. The Count *de Berka* is shortly expected here with the Character of Ambassador from the Emperor; and in the mean time, the Secretary of the late Ambassador is appointed to be the Emperor's Agent with this Republick. We have received Letters from *Constantinople*, dated the 23th of *December*, which say, the Grand Signior had declared he would go to *Hungary* again, to command his Army the next Summer; that the Troops would begin their March in *April* towards *Sophia*, where they would keep their Feast called *Ramasom*; and that they proposed to bring a numerous Army into the Field, unless the *Moscovites* should divert the Tartars from joining with their Forces, and the Commotion in *Arabia* should oblige the *Asiatick* Troops to stay at home; both which are likely enough to happen. The Captain-Bassa *Mezzomorto* came to an Anchor the 16th of *December* before *Constantinople*, with 20 Men of War and 14 Gallies: And an Ambassador was arrived there from *Persia*, but he had a small Attendance with him, and his Business was not yet known.

Venia, Feb. 11. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* continues to assist at the Councils of War that are held here. Great quantities of Stores are sent to *Hungary*, for the use of the Army; and the Gallies that are to be employed on the *Danube* are ordered to be ready against the opening of the Campaign. The Emperor has not yet declared the General to command his Army in *Hungary* the next Summer. The *Portugall* Ambassador will have his Publick Audience in few days.

Cologne, Feb. 21. The Letters from the *Upper Rhine* tell us, the Allies make great Magazines at *Francfort*, *Hailbron*, and other places; and that all things are putting into a readiness for an early Campaign. Levies are making

in these Parts for the Service of the Republick of *Venice*.

Hamburg, Feb. 21. The Danish Vice-Admiral *Paxson* arrived here two days ago; and Monsieur *Trube*, Vice-Admiral of *Sweden*, is expected here this evening: They come to raise Sea-men for the Service of those Crowns. An Officer is likewise employed by the Emperor, to raise Mariners here to Man his Gallies on the *Danube*. On *Friday* last sailed out of this River several English Merchant-ships, homeward bound, under Convoy of two Men of War: The Wind was then at E. S. E. but the day following it changed to S. W. The Ministers of several Princes continue to meet together in this City, for composing the Difference between the King of *Denmark* and the Duke of *Holstein Gottorp*; as also the Matter about the Succession to the Duchy of *Mecklenburg Gustraw*. The Letters from *Moscovy* say, That the Czar intends to go into the Field this Summer, at the head of a very powerful Army, and to march into the Country of the Tartars. The Letters from *Berlin* tell us, that the Elector of *Brandenburg* hath ordered 400 Men to march to *Hungary*, to recruit his Troops in the Emperor's Service, which will be commanded again by General *Brandt*. The Landgrave of *Hesse* is shortly expected at the Court of *Brandenburg*.

Paris, Feb. 20. 'Tis said that Orders are sent to *Thoulon* to hasten the departure of the Fleet, which, as the last Advices from thence inform us, could not be ready till the beginning of *March*. The Marquis *de Nesmond* is now at *Brest*; the Squadron he is to command will be composed of 8 Men of War. At *Rochele* they fit out 7 Frigats, under the Orders of the Sieur *de Renand*; and we are told that several Ships are likewise fitting out in other Ports. They write from *Bourdeaux*, that the French Troops quartered in those Parts are marching towards *Flanders*; and there is a Talk at Court, that the French King will go to *Compeigne*, to take a Review of the Troops of the Household, as he did the last year. The French Officers continue to force Men into the Service; on which occasion several Disturbances have lately happened in this City; and particularly, two days ago the ordinary People got together, and broke into a House where about 30 Recruits were kept, and released them all. By the new Edict that has been published for continuing the Poll-Tax, instead of easing the People, or continuing it at least on the same Foot as it was last year, 'tis pretended that a great many were under-rated, and ordered therefore that new Books or Rolls shall be made, and Care taken that they be taxed to the full of their Estates and Qualities.

Brussels, Feb. 22. On the 19th instant the Elector of *Bavaria* gave the Order of the *Golden Fleece*