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Legborne, March 18. N. S.

ON the 11th Instant departed hence four English Merchant Ships, viz. the *Bolton*, *Macclesfield*, *Rooke*, and *Bonadventure*, but being advised that four French Men of War commanded by Monsieur *de Palas*, were cruising off *Corfica*, they returned into Port the next day. On the 13th one of the said French Ships, of about 40 Guns, came into this Road, and went out again in the Evening to join the *Sieur de Palas*, who is gone to the Eastward. The 4 English Ships above-mentioned bound for *London*, and the *Bridget* for *Spain*, failed again this day.

Milan, March 21. The Marquis *de Leganez*, our Governor, parted from hence two days ago on his Journey to *Loretto*. They write from *Turin* by the last Post, That the Duke of *Savoy* has appointed the Count *de Trichignoni*, and the President *de la Tour*, to be his Plenipotentiaries at the Treaty of a General Peace.

Venice, March 22. The departure of the Ships bound to the *Levant*, is at present hindred by the contrary Winds; But this will give an Opportunity to several Vessels, who were not ready before, to go along with them. There come daily Soldiers to the *Lido*, rais'd for the Service of this Republick, and all that arrive time enough will be sent away with this Convoy; There are already Embark'd above 2000 Men, with great quantities of all sorts of Military Provisions. Signior *Marini*, who was named to go Ambassador from this Republick to *Rome*, is, upon the Application he has made to the Senate, excused from that Employment. The Count *d'Altamira*, Ambassador of *Spain*, went from *Rome* the last week for *Loretto* to meet the Governor of *Milan*, and some other Persons of Quality. The Viceroy of *Naples* has remitted 120000 *Scudi* to *Catalonia*, for the Service of the War.

Warsaw, March 22. The Commissioners assembled at *Lenbergh*, having, to comply with the desire of the Confederated Forces, sent Deputies to *Sambora*, to meet and confer with such Persons as they should depute thither, in order to adjust Matters so as might put an end to the Confederacy; they had several Conferences together, but with such ill success, that they at last separated, without coming to any Agreement. Since which the said Confederated Troops have established a standing Council, who are to meet at a place called *Luvizta*, to direct their Affairs; and they have sent several Officers to *Lithuania*, to endeavour to renew the Confederacy in that Dutchy:

This Proceeding very much dissatisfies several of the Great Men, who at first seem'd to favour them; and the Senate here is to meet in few days, to consider what measures to take, for preventing the ill Consequences which the continuance of this Confederacy may produce. Upon advice of the Elector of *Brandenburgh's* arrival at *Coningberg*, Prince *James* has sent a Gentleman to Compliment him, and to desire his Electoral Highness will assist him in promoting his Pretension to the Crown. An Envoy is arrived here from the King of *Sueden*, but does not yet appear in Publick. The Minister who is here from the Elector *Palatin* has propos'd Prince *Charles* of *Neubourg* to the Archbishop and Principal Senators; and an Interest is making at the same time for the Duke of *Lorraine*. An Ambassador is shortly expected here from the Emperor; and an Envoy from the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. The French Ambassador all this while continues his Endeavours to advance the Prince of *Conti* to the Throne, and has lately received a further Supply of Money, for this purpose.

Vienna, March 23. The Elector of *Saxony* has since his arrival had several Conferences with the Ministers of this Court, concerning the next Campaign in *Hungary*; for which great Preparations are making, and with such Diligence, that 'tis not doubted but the Army will march into the Field much earlier than they did the last Year. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* intends to return to *Germany* soon after Easter; and in the mean time the Imperial Regiments that are to serve there the next Summer, are ordered to be in a readiness to leave their Quarters the next Month. A great many Vessels are lading here with Provisions and Ammunition, to be laid up in the Magazines at *Buda*, and other Places in *Hungary*.

Francfort, March 31. The Redoubts that are making on the *Rhine* and the River *Maine*, between *Mentz*, this Place, and *Aschoffenburg*, will be all finished in a short time, a great many Country People, as well as several Thousand Soldiers, being constantly employed in this Service; and they are going likewise to cast up a Line along the River *Neckar*. The French provide great Magazines at *Philipsburgh* and *Landaw*; as likewise a great many Boats to make Bridges over the *Rhine*. The like Provision is made for the Forces of the Allies at *Hailbron*, and other convenient Places; and all things are preparing for the Forces going early into the Field. The German Regiments that came from *Italy*, are expected on the *Rhine* the next month.

Cologne, April 2. Four Regiments of *Brandenburgh's* Horse and Three Battalions of Foot, quartered