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Leghorne, March 25. N. S.

THE Great Duke of Tuscany went hence two days ago for Pisa, where he will stay till after Easter, and then return to Florence: Before the Court left this Place an Express arrived from *Duisdorf*, with advice, That the Marriage which has been sometime treating between Prince John Gaston, second Son to the Great Duke, and the Princess of Saxe-Lawenburgh, Dowager of one of the Princes of Neubourg, is finally concluded; and the Prince intends to go to Germany to celebrate the same, and Conduct the Princess hither. The 5 Merchant Ships which departed out of this Port the last week for England, have had a fair Wind ever since. The 7 French Ships that were cruising off Cape Corso, were forced into Port *Venere* by bad Weather, being 4 Men of War, and 3 Privateers; the former sailed again the 19th Instant, commanded by the Marquis de Palas, but the latter staid till the 21th, when a Bark appearing in sight they all began to weigh, whereupon the Governor of the Castle caused two Guns to be fired, to oblige them to continue in Port till the Bark was come in, and the French taking no notice thereof, several other Guns were fired, which brought the Fore-mast of one of the Privateers by the Board, and did them some other Damage; and a Galley then in Port was sent to bring in the Bark; The French Ships returned several Shot against the Castle, and then bore away. The *Mary-Rose* Galley is on departure from hence for *Galipoli*.

Milan, March 23. Our Governor the Marquis de Leganez, is not yet returned from *Loretto*, whether he went to confer with the Conde d'Altamira, Ambassador from Spain at the Court of Rome. The Reports we have had of a Neutrality being agreed on for *Catania* prove groundless; and the Regiments, now in the Service of this State, which are designed thither against the next Campaign, have Orders to be in a readiness to march. The Marquis de la Fuente, who is at present here, prepares for his departure, being appointed by the Catholic King to go his Envoy Extraordinary to the Emperor, to make the Compliment of Condolence at that Court upon the Death of the Queen Mother of Spain.

Venice, March 29. The Convoy designed to the Levant continues still here, by reason of contrary Winds; Two Ships are come in from the Levant, they report, That the Turks make great Preparations for the War, but begin to be much dissatisfied at the advices that come from Europe, of the Treaty that is set on foot for a General Peace, and the French Merchants residing within the Grand Signior's Dominions, are under Apprehensions of being ill treated on this account. The Count de Harach is arrived here from Vienna, and after a short stay in this City, intends for Genoua, and thence by Sea to Spain, being employed by the Emperor, with the Character of his Envoy Extraordinary to that Court.

Dantzick, April 12. The last Letters from Poland confirm the account we received by our former advices, that the Treaty with the Considerated Forces is broke off; the Principal Commanders having declared, That their Deputies who met at *Sambor* with those departed from the Commissioners at *Lenaberg*, had gone beyond their Orders in the Agreement they made concerning the Arrears due to the Army. The Queen continues still at *Warsaw*, and has yet set no time for her departure. The Candidates for the Crown, who hitherto appear to have the greatest Interests, are Prince James, the Prince of Conti, and Prince Lewis of Baden; The First is supported by the Emperor, and by the Friends of the last King; The Second has made a considerable Party with his Money, and the Assistance of the French Ambassador, but meets with great Opposition from the Neighbouring Princes, as well as from many of the Nobility; And the Third is greatly Esteemed by all those who are Zealous for the Honour and Welfare of the Kingdom, and will be assisted by the Imperial Ambassador, in case Prince James is not like to succeed in his Pretention.

Vienna, March 30. Prince Lewis of Baden will part from hence in few days for Germany, and Orders have been sent to the Imperial Forces which returned the last Year from Italy, to march towards the Rhine, except 3 or 4 Regiments who are to serve in Hungary. The Elector of Saxony presses the Preparations for the Campaign on that side, that the Army may go early into the Field, and in a Condition to undertake some vigorous Enterprize against the Enemy. General Caprara continues at *Waradin*, and 'tis the general Opinion, that he will not have any Command in the Army this Summer.

Francfort, April 7. They continue to work with great Diligence on the Redoubts, and the Lines that are making along the Rivers *Maine* and the *Necker*; The Troops of the Circles of *Fraxconia* and *Suabia* are already in motion, with Orders to Post themselves near the *Rhine*, so that upon occasion they may in a short time be formed into a Body. The rest of the Circles have their Troops likewise in a readiness, and all things necessary are providing for opening the Campaign. The French seem to design some considerable Enterprize on the *Rhine*, and we are told that several Regiments, who were once appointed to serve in *Catalonia* this Year, are now ordered this way.

Cologne, April 9. According to the advices we receive from the Upper Rhine, the Troops begin to move on both sides from their Quarters that are most remote, and to draw towards the Places designed for their first Encampments; The Forces of the Allies will have their Rendezvous at *Eppingen*; and the French near *Landau*. Two Regiments of Horse and 3 Battalions of Foot, of the Bishop of *Munster's* Forces, are on their March towards *Coblenz*; and the *Brandenburg* Troops, quarter'd in this Country, march towards the *Meuse*.

Paris, April 8. The Generals, who are to Command the French Armies this Campaign, are preparing for their Departure; to wit, the *Marschal de Choiseul* and *Catinat* for Germany, *Marschal Villeroi* for Flanders, and the Duke de *Vendosme* for Catalonia; The Two former are to command separate Bodies; and the *Marschal de Boufflers* a third near the *Meuse*. The French and Swiss Guards, the Guards du Corps, Gens-d'Arms, and the other Troops of the Household, have Orders to march the 18th of this Month, part of them to Germany, and the rest to Flanders. The Princes of the Blood are not to make the Campaign this Year, except the Count de *Toulouze*, who is a Lieutenant General; which seems to encrease the Hopes the People here have of a Peace. The

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Cardinal de Bouillon took his leave of the French King this day, in order to his departure for Rome. The Marquis de Nesmond is at Brest; His Squadron of 5 Ships may be ready to sail by the end of this Month; and a like Squadron is fitting at Rochefort. We have an account from Brest, that three French Men of War, the St. Jaques of 72 Guns and 350 Men, the Sanspareil of 40 Guns and 250 Men, and the Leonora of 18 Guns, who sailed lately out of that Port, and were joined by two Privateers of St. Malo, of 30 Guns each, meeting with the Dutch homeward bound Bilboa Fleet, consisting of 19 sail under Convoy of 3 Dutch Men of War, they attack'd the said Convoys on the 23th of the last Month, and after a Fight of several hours board by board, took them, and Eleven of the Merchant Ships, the rest escaping; Capt. Wassenar, who commanded the biggest of the said Dutch Ships, is dangerously wounded, having received 3 Shot in his Body, and 90 of his Men are killed and wounded; The French Ship which engaged him had 60 Men killed, and the Captain and many of his Men wounded; another of the French Commanders is killed, and all the Ships much disabled. The Sieur Gabaret, Lieutenant-General of the French Fleet, died some days ago at Rochefort.

Brussels, April 10. The Elector of Bavaria intends in a day or two to go and view the Forces quartered in Flanders. A strong Party came this week from Mons, with a design to surprize some of the English Troops who were Cantoned at Linnick St. Quentin, but finding them on their Guard, they retired without attempting anything. The Enemies Troops begin to assemble at Harlebeck near Courtray; and those of the Allies are ready to march into the Field upon the first Orders.

Hague, April 12. N. S. On the 6th Instant arrived in the River Maese the Fleet from Yarmouth, consisting of 28 Merchant Men, under Convoy of 7 Men of War, who went to Sea again so soon as they saw the Fleet safe. The Secretary of Count Straatman, one of the Emperor's Plenipotentiaries, who was lately dispatched to Vienna, is come back with farther Instructions for the Imperial Ministers; He informs us, That Prince Lewis of Baden parted from Vienna the second of this month, and would repair with all possible Diligence to his Command on the Rhine, having before his departure sent Orders to the Forces to be in a readiness to take the Field so soon as the Season will permit; and in the mean time to draw together a Body of Troops, for reinforcing the Garisons of Mainz and Coblenz, as there may be occasion.

Kinsale, April 2. On the 24th past came into this Port from Bristol 20 Sail of Merchant Ships bound to Virginia, Barbadoes, and New-England, under Convoy of His Majesty's Ships the Swan and Tawdrbolt; and this day they sailed again, to proceed on their Voyage.

Dublin, April 5. The Letters from Waterford of the 29th of March advise, that the John and Francis Galley of London, was arrived in that Port in Twenty eight Days from Cadix; whence she came in Company of a great Fleet of Merchant Ships, under Convoy of several Dutch Men of War; but parted with them soon after they came out.

Yarmouth, April 9. Yesterday came into our Road about 30 sail of laden Colliers with the Garland Man of War; they were Convoyed as far as the Head by several other Men of War, who are gone back for the remainder of the Fleet; which were not ready to come away with this Convoy. The Ships above mentioned are now plying for the River.

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England do give notice, That (pursuant to the Direction of their Charter) a General Court of the said Corporation will be held at

Grocers-Hall, London, on Wednesday the 21st of April Instant, at 10 a Clock in the Forenoon precisely. Of which all Persons concerned are desired to take notice.

His Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to Grant Letters Patents dated the 24th of November last, for a Collection in the Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, towards a great Loss by Fire at Woolverhampton, in the County of Stafford; of which all Ministers and Church-Wardens are desired to take notice, and make a speedy Collection thereof, when the said Letters Patents, or true Copies thereof shall come to their Hands, and not to Collect any Money upon Letters of Request, which are supposed to be dispersed in Wales and other Places, by 12 Persons unknown to the Sufferers by the said Fire.

Advertisements.

Lost the 9th Instant between the Old-Jury and Grocers-Hall, a Bank Note N^o C. 6. payable to John Stubbs and Co. for 20l. dated May 28. Endors'd off 9l. 15s. Also two other Notes, Novemb. 21. last past, one N^o B 121. payable to Christopher White and Co. for 60l. dated July 21. Endors'd off 31l. The other N^o C. 17. payable to John Martin, for 200l. dated June 6. Endors'd off at several times 190l. If these Notes are offered in Payment or Discount, you are desired to stop them, and give notice to M. Tho. Speed, at the Bank of England, and you shall have 3 Guineas Reward for all, or proportionable for either of them; notice being already given at the Bank for the not Paying them.

Spanish Letters: Historical, Satyrical, and Moral; of the famous Don Antonio de Guevara, Bishop of Malaga, Chief Minister of State, and Historiographer Royal to the Emperor Charles V. Written by way of Essay on different Subjects, and every where intermix'd with both Satire and Gallantry, recommended by Sir K. L.S. and made English from the best Original, by Mr. Savage. Printed for A. Smithe, in the New Exchange, in the Strand; and at Roper, at the Black Boy over-against Dunstons Church in Fleetstreet.

†† The Present State of Europe, containing an Historical and Political Account of the Interests, Pretensions, and Transactions of the several Courts, for the month of March, 1697. Vol. 8. To be continued Monthly from the Original Published at the Hague. Printed by H. Rhodes, at the Corner of Bride-lane, in Fleetstreet; and J. Harris, at the Barrow in Little Britain.

At Tom's Coffee-House adjoining to Ludgate, on Wednesday next, at one in the Afternoon, will be Sold by Auction 51 Pieces of fine mixt Spanish Cloth, several Pieces of Norwich Stuff, Crapes, Ribbands, Girdles and Silk Stockens, late the Goods of Mr. d'Almanza, Merchant. By J. Bullord. Catalogues to be had of Mr. Nutt in the Pall Mall, Batsons Coffee-House at the Royal Exchange, and at the Place of Sale.

The Library of the Reverend Dr. Horneck, late Minister of the Savoy, consisting of a Choice Collection of Books in most Languages and Sciences, with some Manuscripts, will begin to be Sold by Auction on Thursday the 10th Instant, at 4 in the Afternoon, at the Turks Head without Temple-Bar, next Devereux Court. By J. Bullord. Catalogues to be had at Mr. Benchman's, in Westminster-Hall; Mr. Brown's, at the Black Swan without Temple-Bar; Mr. Parker's, under the Royal Exchange; and at the Place of Sale.

The late Lord Bishop of Chichester's Library, being a Collection of the Councils, Fathers, Ecclesiastical Historians, the Greek, Roman, English, and other Historians, Philosophers, Poets and Critics of the best Editions, in the Gr. Lat. Ital. and Fr. Language: Also his English books in Divinity, History, &c. in all Volumes, will begin to be Sold by Auction at Tom's Coffee-House adjoining to Ludgate, on Tuesday the 27th Instant, at 3 Afternoon; by J. Bullord. Catalogues to be had gratis at Mr. Nutt's in the Pall-Mall, Mr. Beck's in Fleet-Street, Mr. Parker under the Piazza of the Royal Exchange, Bookellers, and at the Place of Sale.

Taken the 6th Instant in the Evening, from the Right Honourable Lady Dowager Shelburn's 1000th at the Blue-wind Post in Duke-street near Piccadilly, a piece of Paper to hold a Candle in the middle, a pair of Needles on one side, and an Extinguisher on the other; the Coat of Arms being Three Walnut Leaves; and on the other side a Magnetick Needle pointing to the North Star. If the same be offered to be Sold or Pawn'd, you are desired to stop it and the Party, and give notice to Mr. John Cogg, Goldsmith, in the Strand, or to Mrs. Ellison at the Twisted Post, and you shall have a Guineas Reward, and Charges paid.

A Commission of Bankrupts hath been awarded against Thomas Ruff, late of London, Stationer, these are to give notice, That the Commissioners intended to meet on Monday the 3d of May next, at God's Croft-House in Flanders Buildings, against Honourable Garden in Holborn, at 8 in the Forenoon, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate, where his Creditors are desired to meet, to prove their respective Debts, and pay their Contribution-Monies, otherwise they will be excluded from the said Dividend.

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