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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 *Dussidorp*, 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 Princesses thither. 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 *Condé 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 *Genova*, 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 Considered 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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