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Cadiz, Jan. 20. N. S.

**U**Pon the Advices we received some time since, that the Galeons had been obliged, by reason some of them proved leaky, to return to the *Havana*, the Commerce of *Seville* have taken care to fit out two Ships and a Patache laden with all manner of Stores and Provisions for their use, which will forthwith be sent away, tho' we hope the said Galeons will find in the *Indies* the necessaries they stand in need of, and will be able to refit without waiting for this Supply, so as that they may be expected here by the month of *May*. The Advice-Boat which was dispatched by the Commander of the said Galeons, with an Account of their Condition, is ready to return thither, and stays only for the Dispatches from *Madrid*. The Fleet bound hence for *Buenos Aires*, will set sail in the beginning of *February*. We hear from *Centa*, That the Moors continue the Siege of that place, and are in hopes of some fresh Troops being sent to their assistance, which encourages them to go on, notwithstanding the great difficulties they meet with, and the losses they suffer daily from the Besieged, who having a free passage by Sea, are often supplied with Succours and Provisions, and are thereby enabled to make a very vigorous defence.

*Rome, Febr. 1.* Last Monday was held a Consistory, and the Pope acquainted them with the Letters he had received from the King of *Poland*, and the Answer he had made to them; and that he had acknowledged that Prince, in order to procure the Peace and Union of that Kingdom, and the better to enable them to prosecute the War against the *Turks*.

*Venice, Febr. 8.* Our Senate is now very much taken up in giving the necessary Orders for hastening the Preparations for the next Campaign; The repeated Ad-

vices we have from the *Levant* of the Alarm the Port is in, and the ill posture of their Affairs, encouraging us to provide for some considerable attempt to be made upon them the next Spring, it is designed to take some of the German disbanded Forces into the Service of this Republick, and to that effect, a Negotiation is begun with some of the Princes of the Empire. Several Officers arrive daily and are entertained in the Service of this State. Several Ships and Gallies are fitting to reinforce our Fleet, that it may equal at least that of the *Turks*, which we hear is designed to be more numerous the next Summer than 'twas the last.

*Vienna, Febr. 18.* The Ministers of this Court are daily consulting about the means to raise Money for the Service of the War against the *Turks*; the Emperor intending to have a great Army in the Field next Summer. New Orders have been sent to the Inhabitants of the Hereditary Countries, to pay forthwith the Supplies that are demanded of them for remounting our Horse and raising Recruits; And the like are sent to the Provinces in *Hungary*; to raise the Money they are to furnish for the Subsistence of the Forces in their Winter-Quarters.

*Hamburg, Febr. 14.* There appears at present little Disposition to renew the Conferences at *Pynenburg*, for accommodating the Differences between the King of *Denmark* and Duke of *Holstein Gottorp*, each Party insisting on his Pretensions. Those which seem to that Duke the hardest to be complied with, are, That the King of *Denmark* would oblige him not to raise any Soldiers, nor take any Foreign Troops into his Service, which are Rights that belong to him as a Sovereign Prince. We hear from *Dresden*, That the Duke of *Saxe Weissenfelds* has Married the Princess *Frederica* of *Saxe-Eysenach*. Our last Advices from *Moscow*, say, Their Forces on the Frontiers make frequent Incurfions upon the *Tartars*, and that

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