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Madrid, Feb. 23. N. S.

According to our Advices from *Centá*, the Affairs lie still before that place, notwithstanding the hardships they undergo by reason of the extream Cold weather, and the great Snows which are fallen there. We have an Account from *Malaga*, That a Dutch Pink being sailed thence some days ago for *Cadiz*, in company of a large Genoese Ship, fell into the hands of a Turkish Man of War: All the Men escaped ashore in their Boats, except the Captain, who having hid himself in his Vessel, the Genoese retook him soon after, and also gave Chase to the Corsair; but the latter outfalling her, made his escape, leaving 9 of his Crew on Board the Pink.

Leghorue, Feb. 24. By a Vessel arrived lately from *Tripoli*, we are informed, That that Government is fitting out 3 of their best Ships to join the Ottoman Fleet, and that they intend to have more from 30 to 50 Guns, to serve as Corsairs against the Venetians.

Venice, Feb. 28. A great number of Soldiers and Bombardiers are gathering together here, with a considerable quantity of Provisions, in order to be forthwith sent to the *Levant*; Signior *Recanaty* and his Brother have both been made Noblemen of *Venice*. We hear by a Ship lately arrived from *Corfou*, That the Convoy which sailed hence some time since, under the Command of General *Cornaro*, was come to *Zant*. Our Letters from *Dalmatia* confirm the Accounts we had received of the great Preparations the Turks are making against the next Campagne, but by their new Levies are all raw unexperienced Soldiers; that some Chiaus were sent into the several Provinces of the Ottoman Empire to raise more men; and that the Sultan had seized the Estates of the Bassa's who were killed in the late Battle at *Senta*, which amounts to a considerable Sum, to be made use of towards maintaining of his Forces. The same Advices add, That the Ambassadors of His Majesty of *Great Britain*, and of the *States General*, were, at the Desire of the Grand Visier, gone for *Adrianople*.

Warsaw, Feb. 28. No time is yet fixed for the King of *Mazs*'s Journey to *Prussia*, his Majesty intending first to see what Consequences may follow from the late disorderly raising up of the Meeting at *Lowitz*, the unexpected issue of which has occasioned some Alterations in the Measures of this Court. However, it is hoped, the good Offices of the Pope may bring those who have hitherto opposed the King's Interests, to a better Temper, and will especially convince the Primate and the rest of the Clergy that are of this Party.

Vienna, March 1. Count *d'Eck*, the Emperors Commissioner at the Circle of *Lower Saxony*, is ordered to repair to *Osnabrug*, to assist there on the part of his Imperial Majesty at the Election of a Successor to that Bishoprick, vacant by the Death of the Elector of *Hanover*. The Elector of *Poland*, who lately came hither from *Rome*, has left this place in order to proceed on his Journey homeward. The Bishop of *Passau* is appointed Ambassador to *Portugal*, and is preparing to go thither. *Pr. Lewis* of *Baden* is shortly expected at this Court, part of his Equipages being already arrived. We hear from *Moldavia*, That the Tartars are making great Preparations at *Budziat*, upon which Orders had been sent to our Forces upon the Frontiers to keep a watchfull Eye on their Motions.

Paris, March 12. The Council of State was yesterday extraordinarily assembled to consider of some Difficulties touching the releasing of the Hostages which were given

Hague, March 14. The States of Holland and Westfrizeland assembled the 12th; and the Council of War is to meet to morrow. Monsieur Hetterman is arrived here, being to Reside at this place on the part of the Elector Palatine.

Paris, March 13. N. S. The 9th Instant being appointed for the Publick Entry of the Earl of *Portland*, Ambassador Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, his Excellency went privately in one of his own Coaches to *Rambouillet*, (the Place from whence Ambassadors usually make their Entry) as did all the English Gentlemen in theirs: About Twelve his Excellency arrived there; the Princes of the Blood sent their Coaches, and a Gentleman with each, to compliment his Excellency; and about Three came the Mareschal de Boufflers, who was sent by the King to receive and accompany my Lord in his Entry.

The Ambassadors at present here, viz. of *Portugal*, *Venice*, and *Malta*, sent each a Gentleman in a Coach with six Horses to *Rambouillet*; The Envoys did the like, but these Gentlemen and Coaches (after making the Compliment to my Lord Ambassador) returned, according to Custom, without assisting at the Entry; which was in this Order.

The Mareschal de Boufflers's Coach, with his Pages on Horseback, and his Gentleman of the Horse before it, went about 30 paces before the rest. Then came one of His Majesty's Messengers, his Excellency's second Gentleman of the Horse, 12 led Horses, each having rich Hooses, led by 12 Grooms on Horseback; his Excellency's first Gentlemen of the Horse, 12 Pages on Horseback, 56 Footmen; The King's Coach, in which were my Lord Ambassador, Mareschal Boufflers, Monsieur *Bonneuil* the Introducer of Ambassadors, and the Earl of *Westmorland*; The Dutchess of *Burgundy's* Coach, with Lord *Cavendish*, Lord *Hastings*, Lord *Paston*, and the Dutchess's Gentleman of the Horse; Monsieur's Coach, with Lord *Woodstock*, Lord *Raby*, Mr. *Prior* Secretary of the Embassy, and Monsieur's Gentleman of the Horse; Madam's Coach, with Mr. *Fielding*, Mr. *Boyle*, and Madam's Gentleman of the Horse; the Coaches of the rest of the Princes and Princesses of the Blood in their order; and in them the rest of the English Gentlemen, their Footmen all in his Excellency's Livery walking by the Coaches. Then came his Excellency's Body Coach empty, with eight Horses; before it two Suiffers on Horseback, and at the Portals two Servants on Foot, in my Lord's Livery, and two Gentlemen on Horseback; The Second and Third Coach with eight Horses, the Fourth, his Excellency's Chariot, with six Horses; the Fifth Coach with eight Horses, the Sixth a Chariot with six Horses. In these Coaches were the Gentlemen who belong immediately to his Excellency's Family; and the Coaches of Monsieur de *Torcy*, Secretary of State, and of Monsieur *Bonneuil* closed the march. Being come to the House for the Entertainment of Ambassadors, Mareschal Boufflers, after a short stay with his Excellency, took his leave, and soon after the Duke d'*Aumont* came from the King with a Compliment to his Excellency, and the like Compliments were made from the Princes and Princesses of the Blood, as is usual.

The 11th, early in the Morning, the Count de