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Rome, March 27. N. S.

THE Cardinals *d'Estrees*, *Fourbin*, and *Coastin*, are arrived here from France; They were met about two miles from this City by the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, and without the City Gates by the Prince of Monaco, Ambassador from France. Cardinal *Delphino*, who resided at Paris as the Pope's Nuncio, is also arrived here, and was met in like manner by the Venetian Ambassador; The Pope intends on the 29th to hold a Consistory, to perform the Ceremony of giving the Caps to these new Cardinals. The three Princes of Poland continue incognito, by reason of some Disputes of Ceremony between them and the Cardinals. The Duke *d'Uceda*, Ambassador from Spain, having complained to this Court of a Violence offered to a Spanish Ship at *Civita-Vechia* by order of Signior *Foscary*, Governor of that Place, the Pope has discharged him from his Government, and given it to Signior *Resta*. Signior *Ruffo* is come hither from Florence, where he was Nuncio, and has taken Possession of the Office of Master of the Chamber to the Pope, in the room of Signior *Aquaviva*, who is appointed to go in the Quality of Nuncio to Madrid, and will depart from hence in few days. Signior *Pignatelli* will likewise be going very soon with the same Character to Poland; And 'tis said, Signior *Davia*, his Predecessor in that Employment, will be sent in the same Quality to Vienna. Don *Livis Odeschaltzi* is raising a Regiment of Horse, which is to remain in Garrison in *Bracciano*. The Great Duke of *Tuscany* and the Duke of *Parma* are shortly expected here. Great Respect is shewed at this Court to Count *Lemberg*, the Emperor's Ambassador. But the Pope still refuses to give Audience to Count *Martinitz*, who has the same Character.

Genoa, March 28. The six French Gallies which carried the French Cardinals with their Retinue from France to *Civita Vecchia*, are passed by this Place in their return to *Marseilles*.

Venice, April 2. The Senate have ordered several Engineers to repair to *Castelnovo*, to give Directions about rebuilding the Fortifications of that Place, which were lately ruined by the breaking in of the Sea. The Dutchess-Dowager of *Hanover*, who came hither a week ago from Vienna, departed on the 30th past for *Modena*; She has received Presents from the Emperor and Empress, and from the King and Queen of the *Romans*, to the value of above 100000 Dollars. The Prince of *Parma* has been Complimented by the Senate, who sent him a Present of Refreshments, and he intends in a day or two to continue his Journey to Rome.

From the Saxon Camp before Riga, April 1. N. S. We continue to Cannonade the Town of *Riga*, but have not yet made any considerable Breach. The Guards of Prince *Sapieha*, Great General of *Lithuania*, consisting in 300 *Cossacks* and *Walachians*, are arrived here from *Lithuania*, and 300 *Cossacks* more, with 2000 *Dragoons*, are expected from thence. 'Tis believed, General *Fleming* will defer attacking the Town till these and some other Reinforcements are arrived from Poland; And that in the mean time he will march with a

strong Detachment into the Country to raise Contributions, and engage the Gentlemen of *Livonia* to take part with the Saxons. Count *Dahlberg*, Governor of *Riga*, sent an Officer hither yesterday with some Proposals touching the Exchange of Prisoners; which General *Fleming* was willing to accept of, but upon this Condition, That the *Livonians* in the King of Poland's Service, who should fall into the hands of the Swedes, should be treated as other Prisoners at War; Which the Swedish Governor refusing to consent to, General *Fleming* would agree with him upon no other Terms, and declared, That all the Prisoners he takes shall have the same Usage as the *Livonians* that are made Prisoners have from the Swedes; To this Count *Dahlberg* has not yet returned any Answer, so that this Matter continues undetermined. General *Fleming* has sent Colonel *Fleming*, his Brother, to *Warsaw*, with the News of the taking of the *Dunamunder Schans*; We found in that Fort 150 Pieces of Cannon and 16 Mortars, 8000 weight of Powder, and a very great quantity of Shot, Bombs, Granadoes, and all other kind of Ammunition and Provisions; So that it appears that 'twas not the want thereof, as was at first given out, that obliged the Swedish Commander to surrender, but the weakness of his Garrison, which consisted only in 600 Men, and of these not above 150 Regular Troops. It's agreed by the Capitulation, That the Country People who were in Arms in the Fort shall not any ways be molested, but shall be permitted to return to their own Houses, and the said 150 Soldiers have obtained the liberty of retiring to *Revel*. The taking of this Fort is of so much the more Advantage to us, for that it hinders the Swedes from bringing any Succours into *Riga* by Water.

Vienna, April 3. The Sieur *Strahlenheim*, Envoy from the King of Sweden, has complained to the Emperor, as being one of the Guarantors of the Treaty of *Oliva*. That the King of Poland's Forces have beleagred *Riga* in *Livonia*, belonging to the King his Master; upon which, Assurances have been given him, That the Design of this Court is to contribute all they can to preserve the Peace of the North. The Bishop of *Raab* is sent to *Warsaw* with Instructions to this purpose; And the Count *de Zedelinsky*, Envoy from the Emperor to the King of Poland, who was upon his return hither, is ordered to continue at *Warsaw* to assist the Bishop in this Negotiation. Three Regiments of the Imperial Horse quartered in *Moravia*, are commanded to march towards the Frontiers of *Saxony*, and Orders are given to the Commanders of the Imperial Troops quartered in *Bohemia* and *Silesia*, to keep their Regiments in a readiness to march, which Precaution is thought necessary, as Matters stand at present in the North. The Grand Signior has committed the Management of the Treaty for prolonging the Truce, or making a Peace between him and the *Czar of Muscovy*, to *Ibrahim Bassa* his Ambassador at this Court, and a Minister is shortly expected from *Muscovy* to treat with him. The Turkish Ambassador has also received Orders to treat with the Emperor's Ministers about adjusting all Differences that may arise between the two Courts, in relation to the settling the Limits, or concerning any Article of the Treaty of *Carlowitz*, and he is accordingly very soon to begin his Conferences with the Imperial Commissioners appointed to negotiate with him; And because this will oblige him to continue here longer than he thought to have done, he is sending home some of his Servants, and the greatest part of his Camels and Mules, and lets useful Equipage. The Marquis *de Pizar*, Envoy from the Most Christian King,