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Cheshire, May 12:

ON Sunday last in the afternoon, Her Grace the Duchess of Ormond embarked at Beaumaris upon the pleasure-Boat which there attended her, and put to sea for Dublin with a fair wind.

Naples, April 30. The Mountain *Pesuvius* has of late cast up more smoke and ashes than formerly, and for several nights the neighbouring parts have been much frighted with the great flames that have been seen to issue from it with unusual noise.

The Banditti have been for some time very numerous and insolent, committing several violencies in the Countrey, for whose suppression the Vice-Roy sent out several parties of Soldiers, upon whose approach, those Robbers are again retired to the Mountains, their usual places of refuge.

The Vice-Roy has sent his Orders to *Ortonto* to provide 30000 Kintals of Biscuite to be sent to *Candia*.

The Vice-Roy of *Sicily*, the Duke d' *Albiquerque*, having compassion upon the miserable condition of about 30000 poor people which have by their flight saved themselves from the fire thrown out from Mount *Etna*, which has destroy'd about 17 or 18 Towns and Villages, and by its daily approaches to the City of *Catania*, seems to threaten it with inevitable ruine, insomuch as the inhabitants are leaving the place, having sent one of his Officers under the Character of his Vicar to *Catania*, to take Order for the maintenance of those distressed people, and the disposing of them to places of safety.

Warsaw May 3. The Assembly of the States drawing on the King, has retired himself from this City, the better to avoid all jealousies of his practices to disturb the freedom of the Election: before his departure, he was pleased to be present at Mass in the Chappel of the Palace, where a Candle falling down set fire to the Veil of the Altar, which has been much talked of amongst the superstitious Commonalty, who look upon it as Ominous, and of ill interpretations, the like accident having happened at the Coronation of the same King at *Cracovia*.

On Wednesday last the 1 instant in the morning, the Duke *Michael Radzevil* General of the Field in *Lithuania*, made his entry into this City in this Order, First marched five Companies of Heyduques, consisting of 100 men in each Company, with their Ensignes flying and Drums beating; all the soldiers clad in large blew cloth Vests lined with yellow; then a Foot Company of 60 in yellow, clad like *Janissaries*; these were followed by two Troops of Dragons well mounted, with blew Coats, with silver Lace; then a Troop of German Horse in excellent equipage followed by as many Hussars, and after them by 60 Gentlemen of Quality, richly habited, with their Lances after the Turkish fashion; then came the General, followed by above 200 of the Lords and principal Genery of *Lithuania*, all of them richly clad, and their Horses extraordinary Harnessed and adorned, and with them divers of the most eminent Nobility, with the Prince *Staviskis* *Lubomirsky* and the Lord *Parozki*, these were attended at some distance by a great number of Gentlemen their attendants, with their other Servants in rich Liveries; after them marched two Troops of Partisan Horse, an Hundred in each Troop, followed by five Troops of Dragons in blew Coats with Silver Lace, and a full Company of Heyduques which brought up the rear. This Entry though it was very magnificent, was much exceeded in the afternoon by the Lords *Pargi*, the Great Chancellor, and

Great General of *Lithuania*, who had thrice their number and attendants; but much more this day by General *Sobieski*, Great Marshal of the Kingdom; all the Princes and Nobility doing him the Honour to meet him some miles from the City, followed by the Guards, and great numbers of Gentlemen with their attendants; who in an excellent Order conducted him into the City.

The Waywood of *Cracovia* is accompanied with a Train of above 5000 persons; the great concourse of people from all parts makes us already sensible of the scarcity and dearth of Provisions, for whose supply all the care imaginable is taken by drawing all kinds of necessaries from all the parts of the Kingdom.

Yesterday the second instant the Primate of this Kingdom the Arch Bishop of *Gnesse* came to the Cathedral Church, where met him all the Nobility and Senators, where they heard a solemn Mass, and from thence went to the place about a quarter of a League from the City; appointed and prepared for the Assembly, and began to fall upon the election of their Marshal or Speaker; but this was for the time diverted by the Prince *Lubomirsky*, who expecting a more full Assembly, caused a proposal to be made of pressing the Oath according to what was resolved the last Session, of making an election according to Conscience, without any reference to any parties or interests, or any Money that has or may be offered for their voices; which occasion'd a long debate amongst them, in which not coming to any resolution, the Assembly was adjourned till the next day.

It was also moved the same day, that the Court Marshal, who was formerly convicted of infamy, might not have any Vote in the Election: but he being a Member of the Senate, and of some reputation amongst them, 'tis believed, this debate may also take up much time to the retarding of the Election.

'Tis generally said, that before the Assembly proceed to the election of a Marshal, the soldiers shall be ordered to be sent away, that nothing may be objected on that side against the freedom of the Election.

Riga, May 3. The first instant arrived here Sir *Peter Wiche*, His Majesty of Great Britains Envoye to the Court of *Muscovy*, having been on his way civilly treated and Complimented by the Magistrates of *Dantzick*; and afterwards entertained at *Coningsbergh* in *Prussia* with much respect and kindness by his Electoral Highness of *Brandenburgh*, and on his way through the Territories of the Duke of *Curlands* attended upon the frontiers by a Gentleman of his Bed-chamber, who conducted him through his Countrey, honourably treating him all the way upon the account of the Duke his Master.

Count Tot the Swedish Ambassador intended for *Poland* to assist at the Election of a successor to that Crown, has been somewhat indisposed here, but is again recovered; he has sent away his Train and Baggage for *Poland*, and may in few days follow in person.

Genova, May 8. The 4th instant departed hence the *Leopold Fregat* with 20 sail of Merchant ships under her Convoy for the coasts of *Spain*.

The Gallies of this Republick which some time since put to sea from hence to secure the coasts from the Corsairs of *Barbary*, are said to have taken two Barks of the Island of *Cosica*, having aboard them about 80 Turks, and were upon the pursuit of several others.

Venice, May 11. A ship lately arrived here from the *Leuans*, informs us of the Continuation of the disturbances