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Rome, March 6. N. S.

THE Pope has given out Commissions for raising 3600 Foot, and 600 Dragoons; When these Levies are finished, Commissions will be dispatched for raising 3000 Men more; And 'tis said, the Pope is in Treaty with the Popish Swiss Cantons for 6000 Men, and that 3000 of them will be put into Mantua. The Cardinal de Fourbin had Audience the last week of the Pope, and pressed him very earnestly to grant the Investiture of the Kingdoms of Naples and Sicily to the King of Spain, and proposed an Alliance to be made between the Pope, the Most Christian King, the Venetians, and other Princes and States of Italy, to prevent the Imperial Forces entering into this Country; but the Pope did not give him a Satisfactory Answer to either of these Points. Letters from Naples say, the Vice-Roy of that Kingdom, at the desire of the Count de Tesse who commands the French Forces in the Milanese, has sent thither a considerable quantity of Corn, which the People of Naples seem much dissatisfied at, apprehending such Exportations will very much raise the Price of Bread.

Venice, March 17. This Senate have raised several new Taxes for supporting their present extraordinary Expences; Troops and Warlike Provisions are daily sent to their Places of Terraferma; and Provveditore-General Molino is at Asola in the Province of Brescia, to give the necessary Orders in those Parts. The Cardinal d'Estrees received this week an Express, in Answer (as 'tis believed) to what he dispatched to the French Court, concerning his Negotiation here; 'Tis said, that to the Proposals he has made from the Most Christian King, this Republick have hitherto only returned general Compliments. The French Minister at Modena has presented a Memorial to that Duke, requiring him to demolish Barlets within a certain time, and letting him know, That he must otherwise expect the Effects of the Most Christian King's Displeasure. Signior Grimaldi, Commissioner for settling the Limits between the Venetian and Turkish Territories, having finished his Negotiation, is daily expected here from Dalmatia. The Senate have appointed Signior Giovanni Delfino to be Provveditore-Extraordinary of the Province of Friuli, and Signior Angelo Marcello to be Provveditore-Extraordinary of Istria; and Signior Nicola Delfino is chosen to go Ambassador from this State to the Court of Vienna.

Dantzick, March 19. Letters from Birtzen in Lithuania give an Account, that the King of Poland is gone from thence to Warsaw, and the Czar is returned to Muscovy; 'Tis said, they have renewed their Alliance against Sweden; That the King of Poland's Forces are

to make an Inroad into Livonia as soon as the Season will permit, and that the Czar is to assist him with Money for carrying on the War. The King of Poland has accommodated the Differences between the House of Sapieha and the Confederated Nobility of Lithuania, and they are shortly to begin their Conferences for that purpose.

Vienna, March 16. Count Herberstein is gone from hence to assemble and command the Emperor's Forces as they advance to the Frontiers of Italy; Seven Regiments of Foot of 2500 Men each, are part arrived in the Country of Tirol, and part on their March thither, and the rest of the Imperial Regiments of Foot designed for that Service, have Orders to begin their March the 20th, and all the Horse and Dragoons the 31st of this Month. Count Staremberg's Raggage goes away to day, and he himself will soon follow, as will likewise Prince Eugene of Savoy, who is to have a Troop of Life-Guard of 150 chosen Men. There are now on the Rhine 9 or 10 Imperial Regiments of Horse and Foot, and others are moving that way. The Emperor has sent the Count de Trautswandorf in the Quality of his Ambassador to the Swiss Cantons. The Deputies of the Circle of Swabia continue still here.

Frankfort, March 23. The Elector Palatine's Regiment of Foot-Guards which was quartered in and about Mannheim, is marched towards the Country of Juliers, and another Regiment of Foot of the said Elector's Forces, has Orders to march the same way. The Imperialists continue to Reinforce the Garrisons of Philipsburgh, Kiehl, and Brisac, and to provide Magazines for their Troops that are coming towards the Rhine. Levies are making in these Parts for the Service of the Duke of Holstein Gottorp. The Baron de Meyer, one of the Elector of Bavaria's Council, is arrived here from Brussels in his way to Munster, whither he is going to cause the necessary Preparations to be made against his Electoral Highness's Arrival. They write from Assage, that the French have taken 900 Men out of the Militia to recruit their Troops, and that they require a greater number of the Country for the same purpose; The French employ at this time 3 or 4000 Boors in repairing the small Forts and Redoubts which they formerly built along the Rhine; The French Officers in those Parts are ordered to have their Field Equipages in a readiness.

Cologne, March 25. The Elector of Bavaria arrived yesterday in the evening at Box, where he designs to continue till the Easter Holidays are over. His Electoral Highness's Forces that were in the Spanish Netherlands, consisting in 5 Regiments of Foot, are returning home; Part of them are already arrived in the Archbishoprick of Cologne, and the rest are shortly expected, and Horse are provided here to carry them up the Rhine. Six Companies of 120 Men each, of the Regt