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Messina, Febr. 23. N. S.

This day arrived here, an *Algerine* Ship of 24 Guns, (but can carry 36) being brought in by 11 Christian Slaves and a Renegado; She parted from *Algiers* in Company of another Ship of 40 Guns, both having Soldiers on board for the *Algerine* Camp near *Bonna* on the Borders of the Kingdom of *Tunis*, where having landed the Soldiers, the Ship of 40 Guns above-mentioned went upon the *Carreen*, and moit of the Men belonging to the other going ashore, the said Christian Slaves and the Renegado fell upon the *Turks* that remained on board, to the number of 25, whereupon several of the *Turks* threw themselves into the Sea and swam ashore, 6 or 7 were killed, and the Christians have brought the rest hither Prisoners. A *Maitbeze* Privateer was forced in here this week by bad weather, having parted some days before from a *Turkish* Ship of 24 Guns, which they took on the Coast of *Barbary* and sent to *Maltha*.

Milan, March 9. The Treasurer of this Duchy is returned hither from *Switzerland*; He offered to the *Swiss* Cantons 40000 Crowns, in part of the Arrears due to them on account of their Troops, which were some time ago in the Service of this State; but they refused this Sum, demanding the whole Debt, which amounts to above 100000. A Regulation is made concerning the Quartering of the *French* Forces, to prevent the Complaints of the Inhabitants, and 'tis said they will encamp, as soon as the Season permits, between *Crema* and *Lodi*, and that this last will be made the Place of Arms. Signior *Bellino* has undertaken to furnish Horses for the Artillery, for which the Government is to pay him 50000 Livres in hand, and 100000 every month. Forage is very scarce, so that the *French* Horse that are expected here will have a great difficulty to subsist.

Rome, March 12. The Imperial Ambassador received an Express this week from *Vienna*, and had Audience the same day of the Pope, to whom he delivered a Letter from the Emperor; The Pope soon after retired into his Cloister, and dispatched an Answer with his own hand. He endeavours all he can to accommodate Matters between the Emperor and the Kings of *France* and *Spain*; and defers giving Orders for dispatching the Bulls for Car-

dinal *Merigia* as Bishop of *Pavia*, Signior *Rosta* Bishop of *Tortona*, and several other Bishops in the *Spanish* Dominions, to avoid Naming the King of *Spain* in such Publick Acts. The Troops that have been raised hereabouts for the Pope's Service, will begin to march next week towards *Bologna* and *Ferrara*.

Genova, March 12. The Pope having desired this Republick to assist him with some Troops, they have accordingly given Directions for a Levy of 1000 Men to be made with all expedition, who are to be sent by Sea to *Civita-Vecchia*. They write from *Toulon*, that the *French* are fitting out 18 Men of War in that Port, and a Squadron of Gallies at *Marsailles*.

Legherne, March 15. The Great Duke of *Tuscany* came to this Place the 9th Instant from *Pisa*, whither his Highness intends to return in two or three days. The Princes and States of *Italy* do all raise Forces for their Security.

Vienna, March 19. The Duke of *Mantua's* Minister has acquainted the Emperor with his Master's Resolution, to take a Garrison of the Pope's Forces into *Mantua*, which is very well approved of here. Part of the Emperor's Forces designed to *Italy*, are arrived in *Tirel*, and will halt till the rest come up and join them; They march in small Bodies for the ease of the Country. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, upon the Death of his only Son, is going to his House in *Bohemia* for a short time. The Deputies of the Circle of *Suabia* are on their departure home; 'Tis said, the Emperor has given them a Sum of Money, in Consideration of the Losses they suffered during the late War.

Cologne, March 29. The Elector of *Bavaria* intends to go from hence to morrow towards *Munich*, and the Elector of *Cologne*, his Brother, will accompany him as far as *Mentz*, where they are to confer with the Elector of *Mentz*; They intend likewise to see the Elector of *Triers* at *Coblentz*. The five Regiments of Foot of the Elector of *Bavaria's* Forces which were in the *Spanish* Netherlands, are arrived in the Neighbourhood of this Place, and Boats are providing to carry them up the *Rhine* and the *Mein* towards *Bavaria*.

Hamburg, March 29. The Levies for the Elector of *Hanover* and the Duke of *Coll*, are continued with all Diligence. They write from *Kjel*, that the Duke of *Holstein Gottorp* arrived there the 23d Instant, and would go in few days to *Gottorp*, to review his Troops which are ordered to draw together near that Place; and