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Rome, March 19. N. S.

THE Pope is very much pressed by Cardinal *Fourn* and the Spanish Ambassador, to enter into an Engagement with the Crowns of France and Spain, to prevent the Imperialists entering into Italy; and to this end they offer to assist him with Men and Money; but the Pope seems unwilling to shew any Partiality to either side, and declares, That he will continue to employ his utmost Endeavours for adjusting the Differences between the Emperor and the said Crowns, and for maintaining the general Tranquillity. The Marquis of *Beretta*, First Minister and Secretary of State to the Duke of *Mantua*, is come hither upon some Negotiation. Eight Pieces of heavy Cannon were tried here this week, in order to be sent to *Civita-Vecchia*, and *Signior d'Asi* Governor of Arms, is gone thither to put that Place into a Posture of Defence. The Congregation for Military Affairs, have resolved to make a Line along the River *Po*, to be strengthened with small Forts at certain distances from each other, for the Security of the Frontiers of the Ecclesiastical State on that side. Two Companies of Foot marched from hence two days ago to *Ferrara*, and two more followed this day. The Pope has resolved to perform the Ceremony of taking Possession of the Church of *St. John de Lateran* on the 10th of the next Month, and several Triumphal Arches are erected for that occasion.

Milan, March 16. Don *Emanuel Semenza*, Com-military of War in this Duchy, was sent last week by the Prince of *Vaudemont* our Governor to the Dutchess of *Mirandola*, to require her to admit a Garrison of 300 Spaniards into the City of *Mirandola*, which we hear she has consented to, and Don *Emanuel* is since gone by the Prince's Order to *Manua*. The Prince of *Vaudemont*, the Marquis de *Los Balbaces*, and several other General Officers, went from hence yesterday to view the Fortifications of *Castiglione*, into which Place the French have put a Garrison, which has much alarmed the Princes of *Mantua*, *Modena*, and *Par-ma*. The Count de *Tesse* has received Money from France, for the Service of the French Forces in these Parts, and has given Orders that the Train of Artillery be made ready with all possible diligence, intending, as soon as a sufficient quantity of Provisions and Forage can be got together, to form a Camp on the Borders of *Cremona*. The Prince of *Rassini* being dissatisfied with the Management of the Publick Affairs here, and expressing his Sentiments thereupon too freely, was commanded some days ago to retire out of this City within 24 hours; and his Brother the Great Chancellor, was sent for by our Governor, who reproved him for some Discourses he had held, and warned him to avoid the like for the future. The Prince of *Vaudemont* has sent the Captain of his Guards to *Madrid*, to Compliment the King of Spain on his Arrival there. Orders are come from *Madrid* to break some of the Regiments of Spanish Horse in the Service of this State, and to

incorporate the Men in others that are to be kept on foot. Directions are given likewise for suppressing the Pensions that were paid to several General Officers.

Venice, March 25. The Cardinal *d'Estrees* received some days ago an Express from *Paris*, with further Directions in relation to the Matters he is negotiating here; The French Resident at *Mantua* came hither about the same time, and after having conferred with the Cardinal, returned to *Mantua*, and from thence is to go to the Courts of *Modena* and *Parma*; And 'tis reported, that the Duke of *Mantua* has been prevailed upon with a Sum of Money, to receive a French Garrison into *Mantua*. They write from *Milan*, that the French have put 1700 Men into *Castiglione*, where the Count de *Tesse* designs to have his head Quarters. The said Count arrived here from *Milan* the 19th Instant, and had several Conferences with the Cardinal *d'Estrees*, and viewed the Arsenal, and other Curiosities of this Place, and on the 22d returned to *Milan*. This Republick continue to make Preparations for their Security; Orders are sent to *Dalmatia* for raising a Regiment of 500 Men; The City of *Padua* are raising one of 600 at their own Expence, and 'tis not doubted but the other Cities in the *Venitian* Territories will follow this Example.

Vienna, March 26. The Imperial Foot designed for *Italy*, are all on their March, and the Horse will begin theirs on the 31st Instant. The whole Army will consist of 40000 Men. Three Imperial Regiments are advanced as far as *Roveredo*, and have secured the Passes on that side. Count *Guido* of *Staremburg*, who is to Command the Army under Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, will be going thither in the beginning of the next Month. The Emperor has caused a Manifesto to be writ, setting forth his Right to the Spanish Succession, which will be published as soon as his Forces are in a readiness to begin the Campaign. 'Tis said, Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* has put off his Journey to *Bohemia*, and that he has accepted the Command of the Emperor's Forces on the *Rhine*. The Princess *Dorothy*, Sister to the Empress, and Wife to Prince *James Sobiesky*, is come hither from *Silesia*. We have an Account, that the Treaty for settling the Limits between the Territories of the Emperor and the Grand Signior, was concluded and signed by the Commissioners on both sides the 5th Instant at *Pistra* on the Borders of *Transylvania*.

Mentz, April 3. The Electors of *Bavaria* and *Cologne* arrived the 31st past at *Coblentz*, where they conferred with the Elector of *Triers*; The next day the Elector of *Cologne* returned to *Bon*, and the Elector of *Bavaria* came to *Steinbusen*, to make a Visit to the Elector of *Mentz*; and yesterday his Electoral Highness of *Bavaria* continued his Journey to *Munich* by the way of *Wurtzburgh*.

Wesel, April 5. They are working with great diligence to repair the Fortifications of this Place; 3500 Men of the Forts of *Braudenburgh*, are entered into this Garrison, and about 12000 more