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Venice, April 1. N. S.

THE Cardinal *d'Estrees* pressing this Republick for a positive Declaration upon the Instances he has made to them by the Order of the Court of *France*, they have returned him this Answer; That the Republick having considered the present Posture of their Affairs, find they ought to look upon those as their Friends who would not have this State become the Seat of War; and it not being their Part to determine concerning the Reasons for the Proceedings either of the Emperor, or of the Crowns of *France* and *Spain*, they think it just that those Powers should consider the Republick in that State of Friendship which they profess, and that they must always look upon those as Enemies that would bring a War into their Country. The Cardinal has hereupon dispatched a Courier to the *French* Court, and in the mean time, till the Express returns, intends to go and make a Visit to Cardinal *Cornaro* at *Padua*. The Senate having received Advice, That some *French* Troops are advanced near *Peschiera* a Fortress belonging to this Republick, which commands an important Pass on the Lake *di Guarda*, and that they seem to have a Design upon that Place, Orders are sent to *Provveditore Molino* to reinforce the Garrison forthwith, and to go himself thither. They continue to raise Soldiers in the *Venetian* Territories in *Italy*, and the City and Territory of *Bergamo* have offered to raise 3000 Men at their own Expence, *Brescia* 2000, and *Crema* 700. Signior *Grimani*, who was General of the *Venetian* Forces in the *Morea*, is returned hither. Signior *Grimani*, his Brother, is also arrived from *Dalmatia*, having finished his Negotiation for settling the Limits between the *Venetian* and *Turkish* Territories. Some Forces are arrived here from the *Morea*, which are ordered to *Verona*.

Vienna, April 2. The Emperor's Forces, Foot, Horse, and Dragoons, are all actually on their March to *Italy*, except the 4 Regiments of Horse left nam'd for that Expedition, who are to begin their March on the 20th of this Month. The Generals, Count *Guido Staremberg*, *Herberstein*, and *Guttenstein*, are gone to receive and post these Forces as they arrive at *Roveredo*, and Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, who is to have the chief Command of the Army, will be going thither in a fortnight. There are 20 Pieces of Cannon sent from *German*, a Place near *Lintz*, towards the general Rendezvous, and the rest of the Artillery designed for this Service, which will make a Train of 75 Pieces of Cannon, are in a readiness here, and will be sent away in few days. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* having finally settled all Matters with the Emperor's Ministers, in relation to his taking upon him the chief Command of the Imperial Army on the *Rhine*, has desired his Audience of Leave of the Emperor, intending to go first to his House in *Bohemia*, and from thence to *Germany* the beginning of the next Month. He is likewise to have the General Government and Inspection of all the

Places on the *Rhine* which belong to the Emperor; Intendant in Military Matters of the Regency of *Tirol*, under whose Jurisdiction they are. The Duke of *Moles*, Ambassador from *Spain*, is going with the Emperor's Leave to *Nisdorp*, about a league from hence, where he designs to stay till he receives his Revocation from the Court of *Spain*. Count *d'Auersberg* is expected in 2 or 3 days from *Madrid*. Count *Rapach* is appointed to go with the Character of the Emperor's Envoy to the Princes of the Circle of the *Lower Saxony*. The Count *de Paar* is gone from hence to *Berlin*, with a Compliment from the Emperor to the King of *Prussia*.

Francfort, April 10. The Regiment of *Grasnadiers*, and two other Regiments of Foot of the Elector of *Bavaria's* Forces which were in the *Spanish* *Netherlands*, passed by this Place yesterday in Boats, going up the *Meyn* as far as *Wertheim*, from whence they are to march to *Bavaria*, and the other 3 *Bavarian* Regiments are expected here to morrow. They write from the *Upper Alsace*, that several *French* Regiments which were quartered in *Burgundy* are marching towards *Colmar*, near which Place 'tis thought they design to form a Flying Camp, to observe the Imperial Troops in the *Brisgau*. The last Letters from *Switzerland* say, the Cantons are very much sollicitd by the Emperor on one side, and by the Crowns of *France* and *Spain* on the other, to enter into their Interests, but seem rather inclined to a Neutrality.

Cologne, April 12. About 200 Men of the Forces of *Fuderborn* arrived here the 8th Instant, and the next day came in a Company of those of the *Upper Rhine*, and 'tis said our Garrison is to be augmented to 6000 Men. The Elector of *Cologne* has resolv'd to raise a Regiment of Cuirassiers, one of Dragoons, and one of Foot, for the Emperor's Service. They write from *Coblentz*, that the Elector of *Triers* has caused 3000 Men to be Listed in the Archbishoprick of *Triers*, who are obliged to take up Arms whenever they shall be required, and that his Electoral Highness intends, if there be occasion, to put them in Garrison at *Coblentz* and *Ehrenstein*.

Hamburg, April 12. The Sieur *Tettau* is arrived here from *Berlin* in his Journey to *Copenhagen*, whither he is going with a Compliment from the King of *Prussia* to the King of *Denmark*. Letters from *Berlin* advise, that Orders are given for 7 Battalions of Foot, 3 Regiments of Horse, and 2 of Dragoons, of the Forces of *Braunburgh*, to march towards the Dutchy of *Cleves*. They write from *Stockholm*, that the Transport of Forces which are ordered from *Sweden* to *Livonia*, will be ready to be sent away by the middle of *May*; And that these Succours, with the Troops the King of *Sweden* has already in *Livonia*, and with a Body of *Finlanders* who are marching thither, will make an Army of 40000 Men. 'Tis said, a Negotiation is set on foot by the *French* Minister in *Poland*, for accommodating the Differences between the Kings of *Sweden* and *Poland*, and the Czar of *Muscovy*.

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