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Rome, April 16. N. S.

On the 10th Instant the Pope took Possession of the Church and Palace of *St. John de Lateran*; He rid on Horseback, attended by the Cardinals, Prelates, and *Roman* Nobility, in great Pomp; several Triumphant Arches were erected on this occasion. The Marquis of *Beretta*, Envoy from the Duke of *Mantua*, had Audience of the Pope the 17th, and acquainted him with his Matter's having received the *French* and *Spanish* Troops into *Mantua*, seeing he was not in a condition to resist them, and had no hopes of any Relief; At which the Pope seemed much dissatisfied, calling the Envoy, That before this happened, he had, at the Duke's request, ordered a Body of 2000 Men to enter into *Mantua*, who were actually on their March. The next day Cardinal *Jansin* and the *Spanish* Ambassador had Audience of the Pope, and endeavoured to excuse the *French* and *Spaniards* possessing themselves of *Mantua*, assuring him, that as soon as the Peace is settled, the Most Christian King will withdraw his Forces out of *Italy*. The Resident of *Savoy* had also Audience of the Pope, and notified the Duke his Matter's having accepted the Chief Command of the *French* and *Spanish* Forces in *Italy*. The Congregation for Military Affairs have met several times, and have thought it necessary in this Conjunction, to raise 5000 Men, besides the Levies already ordered, and Directions are accordingly given for that purpose. The Pope, at the desire of the Most Christian King, has relieved the Company of Soldiers which was broke for being upon the *French* Ambassador, when he went to receive Prince *Vihen* from the *Sbirri's*, and has granted a Pardon to the said Prince, and those who were concerned with him. The *Spanish* Ambassador having sent to Don *Livio Odescalchi*, as being a Subject of *Spain*, to take down the Arms of the Emperor from over the Gate of his Palace, he answered, He could not do it, as being Prince of *Sirmia*, which Principality he accepted with the Consent of the late King of *Spain*, and several other Persons to whom this Ambassador sent the like Intimation, have not yet complied with the same.

Genoa, April 17. This day came in here a Ship from *Toulon*, and other Vessels are upon the Coast, having on Board 2000 *French* Soldiers, which are to march to the *Milanese*. The Princes of *Italy* are much concerned at the *French* Forces being entred into *Mantua*.

Milan, April 20. The Marshal de *Catinat*, at his Arrival here from *France*, was received by the Prince of *Vaudemont* our Governor with great Respect, and Lodged in the Palace; He is gone with the Chevalier de *Tesse*, and other *French* General Officers, to view the Fortifications of *Guastalla*, and the Passes on that side. It's said, they will go as far as the Borders of *Tirol*; and that a Body of *French* Troops will be ordered to advance that way. A Detachment of 3000 *French* is sent towards the Lake of *Como*, and a great quantity of Ammunition, and Instruments fit for a Siege, is getting ready at *Cremona*; which Preparations are thought to be intended against *Brescia*, since the Duke of *Modena* refuses to yield that Place by fair means to the *French*. They write from *Mantua*, that Count *Castelbarco*, the Imperial Envoy, is on his departure from thence, and declares publicly the Emperor's Dissatisfaction at the Duke of *Mantua's* receiving a *French* Garrison into that Place, and that his Imperial Majesty will shew his Repentment in its proper time. The Duke of *Savoy* is shortly expected here; 'Tis said, his Forces will advance no farther than *Krcelli*, near which Place they will Encamp, till they see occasion for their marching into this Country. Two Friers were

Imprisoned here this week, for expressing very freely their Inclinations to the House of *Austria*; as the People of this Country in general are very apt to do on all occasions, who besides are very uneasy by being obliged to provide Quarters and other Necessaries for the *French* Forces.

Venice, April 22. Several Expresses have lately passed between the Cardinal d'*Estrees*, who has been here some time, and the Marshal de *Catinat*. The latter is gone from *Milan* to view the Passes on the Borders of *Tirol*, and is shortly expected here. 'Tis reported, that 15000 *German* Foot, and 2000 Horse, are arrived on this side *Trent*, and that the rest of the Emperor's Forces are daily expected; The whole Army being to consist of 40000 Men. The Emperor's Ambassador has desired leave for the Imperial Troops to pass through the *Venetian* Territories, and that they may be supplied with Provisions and Forage for their Money, which 'tis believed will not be refused. This State continue their Levies with greater diligence than ever, and are daily sending Provisions and Ammunition to *Verona*, and their other Frontier Places. The last Letters from *Naples* give an Account, that the Squadron of Gallies commanded by the Duke of *Tursis*, would sail from thence in few days to *Port Mahon*; That Don *Benedetto Valdesano*, Brother to the Marquis de *Bocchetta*, was committed to the Castle of *Baya*, for holding Correspondence with the Imperial Court; And that Count *Caraffa*, who lately quitted the Emperor's Service, and came to *Naples*, finding he was suspected, and narrowly observed, is gone back to *Germany*.

Madrid, April 20. The King of *Spain* made his Publick Entry into this Place the 14th Instant with great Solemnity. He went on Horseback from the *Buen Retiro* about 3 in the afternoon, a Canopy of State being borne over him, was attended by the Grandees, the Great Officers of State, and the Officers of his Household, and other Persons of Quality, all on Horses richly Capparisoned, and by the Corregidor, and other Magistrates of this Town, in their Gowns of Cloth of Gold, likewise on Horseback; and a Triumphant Arch was erected at the *Prado*. His Majesty alighted at *St. Mary's* Church, and paid his Devotions to our Lady of *Almudena*; after which he proceeded to the Palace. The Streets through which he passed were hung with Tapestry, and crowded with Spectators, though it proved a very rainy day. The 16th in the evening the King went on Horseback, attended in the same manner to *Arco*. The 17th he was entertained with an Opera. A Bull-Feast was appointed for this day, but is put off till the 27th. The Duke de *Harcourt* is very ill of a violent Fever; If he could have been at the King's Entry, his Place was appointed among the Grandees. The Count *Dayenza*, Son to the Duke of *Noailles*, who came with the King from *France*, returned home the 18th Instant; The King has made him a Present of 6 fine Horses. Monsieur *Renault*, a *French* Engineer, is come hither to Survey the Coasts of this Kingdom; But the Projects of Fortifying *Gibraltar*, and other Places, and of raising Forces, are not put in execution for want of Money; and for the same reason, the Squadron of Men of War lately returned from the *West-Indies*, which were to have been retired, and to have joined the *French* Fleet which is expected at *Cadix*, are ordered to be laid up.

Warsaw, April 22. The Diet of this Palatinate met the 18th Instant, and chose their Deputies for the General Diet. Among other Instructions that are given them, they are ordered to have a private Audience of the King of *Poland*, and to desire, That he will not caute any Forces to advance near this City in the time of the Diet; That he will send home his *Saxon* Forces, and employ