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Rome, March 24. N. S.

THE Pope has been of late very much indifposed; which it is believed will occasion the putting off his intended Journey to *Loretto*. He gave Audience of Leave the last Week to the Count *de Cataneo*, Envoy of the Republick of *Genova*, who is preparing for his Departure home. Signior *Conti*, the Pope's Nuncio at *Lidon*, is made Archbishop of *Urbino*; and it is believed he will be advanced to the Dignity of a Cardinal at the next Promotion. Signior *d'Asi* is returned hither from *Civita Vecchia*, where he has been giving Directions for repairing and augmenting the Fortifications of that Port. This Court having refused to make good to the *French* a certain Quantity of Provisions, which had been bought up at *Bologna* for their use, and was destroyed near that place by a Party of Imperialists; the *French*, out of Revenge, have plunder'd the Estates of the Marquis of *Davila*, the Count *de Marfigli*, and some other Persons in the *Bolonex*, who are looked upon to be Favourers of the House of *Austria*; The Pope being informed thereof, sent for the Cardinal *de Fassen*, and expressed to him his Resentment of these Hostilities committed against his Subjects, declaring he should expect Satisfaction for the Injury.

Dantzick, April 7. The great Dutchy of *Lithuania* has sent Deputies to the great Council of the *Polish* Senators and Nobility, which is met at *Marienburg*, who have declared to that Assembly their Resolution to stand by their King, according to the Confederacy which they had entered into at *Wilna* on the 7th of the last Month: We hear the Nobility of the Palatinate of *Cajavia* is drawing together for his Defence; whose Example will in all appearance be followed by several other Palatinates. The *Saxon* Forces, commanded by General *Sreyrau*, were advanced to *Pulcon*, within 7 Miles of *Warsaw*; and the Army of *Lithuania* was come to *Surts*, not far from them: and General *Steinbeck* was drawing together a Body of *Swedish* Troops near *Warsaw*, in order to oppose them. Some Advices say, a Body of *Swedes* had engaged another of *Polish* and *Muscovite* Forces near *Birzen*, and had totally defeated them.

Vienna, April 4. The Duke of *Moles*, who was Ambassador from the late King of *Spain* to the Emperor, and has ever since his Master's Death continued near this Court, tho' without declaring himself, has at length put himself under the Emperor's Protection, whom he has acknowledged as his lawful natural Sovereign: On the 25th past he had Audience of the Emperor, and 3 days after was sworn of his Privy Council. He is by Birth a *Neapolitan*, and, as Great Chancellor of *Milan*, had the chief Direction of the Affairs of that State while the Count *de Melgar*, now *Almirante of Castile*, was Viceroy there: He was since employed at *Genova*, and afterwards

Ambassador at *Venice* for about 3 Years; and he is generally reputed to be a Minister of an extraordinary Capacity.

Wesel, April 14. A great Magazine of Provisions and Ammunition is preparing at *Santen*, for the Service of the Forces which are employed in the Blockade of *Gelder*. Yesterday a Party of 28 Men of that Garrison, which ventured to come out and make an Excursion towards *Udena*, fell in with a Party of our Forces, who killed 6 of the Enemy, and took the rest Prisoners.

Cologne, April 13. The Diet of the Circle of *Westphalia*, which is now assembled in this place, has resolved forthwith to furnish their Quota of the Forces which the Imperial Diet has agreed to set on foot for carrying on the War against *France* and *Spain*; and in order thereunto General *Hoogkirkchen* has already begun to raise a Regiment of Dragoons for their Service. Monsieur *Fagel*, Lieutenant-General of the *Dutch* Forces, having been at *Dusseldorp* to press the Elector Palatine to have in a readiness what he has promised to furnish towards the Besieging of *Bon*, and to concert the last Measures with him in order to this Enterprize, came hither from that Court on the 8th Instant upon the same Errand, as well to the Diet of this Circle, as to our Magistrates; and has had several Conferences with them upon that Subject. Several Regiments of Horse and Dragoons, who are to invest that place; are in motion, and will be before it by the 16th. 200 Boats laden with Artillery and Ammunition are coming up the *Rhine*, from several Places in *Holland* and in the Dutchy of *Cleves*, besides what is to be provided here and by the Elector of *Triers* and the Elector Palatine, so that it is computed the Allies will have, ready to be made use of in this Siege, 100 Pieces of Cannon, 50 great Mortars, and between 2 and 300 small ones; and a proportionable quantity of Ammunition; and great Magazines of Provisions are erecting at *Duits* and *Malheim*, where they have begun to bake Bread for the Army; and the Country People in the Dutchies of *Berg* and *Julliers*, and in this Archbishoprick, are ordered on very severe Penalties to provide Fascines, Gabions and divers other Necessaries for this Design. On the other hand the Marquis *d'Allegre*, who commands at *Bon*, is making the best Provision he is able for his Defence; and it is said, That since the Resolution of besieging that place has been certainly known, about 500 *French* Forces have found the means to get into it at several times, and in small Parties, which has augmented his Garrison to near 4000 Men; yet it is not believed they can hold out above a Fortnight after the opening of the Trenches, which is to be done on the 20th. And there being Advice that the famous Party-man *La Croix* has undertaken to bring them a Reinforcement of 1500 Men from *Luxemburg*, some Troops are sent that way to prevent him. On the 11th Instant a Party from *Bon* came in the Night, with intent to set fire to a great Magazine of Hay, lying near our Walls, but was attacked by our Advan-