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Rome, April 6. N. S.

Several Persons at Naples and Palermo, who held a Correspondence with the Neapolitan Noblemen that have taken their Refuge at the Court of Vienna, being discovered, are held hither lately for Protection. The Spanish Ambassador demanded that he might be permitted to seize them, which was refused; However this Court, to avoid all Disputes about this Affair, has desired them to remove elsewhere. Cardinal Jansen has been absent from this Court 3 or 4 days; It is said he went to Civita-Vecchia, whither several French Vessels were come to load Corn for their Army in Italy, and that he had bought a considerable quantity thereof for this use at Cornaro, of the Marquis de Palavicini; but that this Court would not allow of its being Exported. Several small Earthquakes have been lately felt here, and at other Places in the Ecclesiastical State, tho' none that have done any Damage.

Leghorne, April 6. Yesterday came in here the Pearl, a Fishing Privateer, that has been cruising as high as the Archipelago: In her return hither she took about 7 days ago near Palermo a French Ketch of about 60 Tuns, laden with Oil. This morning came into our Port the Happy Return, a French Man of War of 46 Guns, which came out of Toulon about 10 days ago, and has been cruising off this Coast without any success. The last Post from Spain hath brought leave from the Court of Madrid for the Cardinal de M. d'icis to put up the French Arms over the Gate of his Palace at Rome, on the Right hand of those of Spain, whereby that Government does now yield the Point of the Precedency, which the Crown of Spain disputed heretofore with that of France.

Ratisbonne, April 19. On the 14th Instant the Magistrates of this Town sent two of their Body to Vienna, to justify their late Conduct in relation to their yielding up their Bridge over the Danube, and one of their Gates, to the Elector of Bavaria, and to press the Court of Vienna to dispatch the Emperor's Ratification of the Conclusion of the Diet, touching the Neutrality of this Place, wherein their Instances are seconded by a Conclusion of the Diet to the same effect, which bears Date the 13th. On the 17th the Diet met, and, upon Consideration of the present Posture of Affairs in these Parts, agreed to remove to some Place of greater Safety, and by a publick Resolution desired Cardinal Lamberg, the Emperor's first Commissioner, to procure them a general Pass from the Elector of Bavaria, for the transporting of themselves and their Families from hence by Water, being the only way whereby so numerous an Assembly can move; but they have not yet fixed upon any Place for their future Residence. We have an Account, That on the 15th the Count de Styrum, having received a farther Supply of Mortars, and heavy Cannon from Nuremberg, late down before Amberg in the Upper Palatinate, where there is a strong Garison of Bavarian Forces: He has also blockt up Rothenberg in Franconia, being a strong Castle, situate on a Mountain, and belonging likewise to the Elector of Bavaria, the Garison whereof had begun to put the neighbouring Villages under Contribution. That Elector arrived at Filschoffen on the 13th, and is since marched to Scharding. The Count de Schlick continues in the Woods near Passau, where he is strongly intrenched, and expects a Reinforcement from the Upper Austria.

Strasbourg, April 17. All the Officers of the Army under the Command of the Marshal de Villars, who remained in this City, are ordered to repair to Wissembour,

about two Leagues and half from hence, where the Army is expected this evening, and it is to be joined by 18 Battalions of Foot and 14 Squadrons of Horse from this side of the Rhine, and then, according to the common Discourse, it may make up 54 Battalions and 82 Squadrons. The Train of Artillery consists of 54 Pieces of Cannon, and 55 Companies of Granadiers are ordered to take their Post at the head of the Army. The People of the Country hereabouts are forced to furnish these Forces with 900 Oxen and Cows, and they have taken Bread for 6 days. The Marshal de Tallard was yesterday at Flasbourg, and his Army, which consists of 22 Battalions and 34 Squadrons, lay for the most part near Saerbourg. We hear just now that a Detachment of 900 Granadiers, and some Hussars, is sent out along the Canal de la Prache on some Expedition.

Rastind, April 20. The Marshal de Villars having in vain endeavoured to force a Pass where General Bibra was posted with a Body of Forces, advanced the 18th early in the morning with his Army, consisting of 40000 Men, within 3 Leagues of our Lines; The Enemy spent most of that day in viewing them, and at night took Post upon a rising Ground over-against our Camp, where they raised a Battery of 8 Pieces of Cannon. Yesterday in the afternoon their Foot moved forward in order of Battle, and posted themselves on the Right, and their Horse on the Left, near the Wood of Stollhoffen. The two Armies being thus within 400 paces of each other, it was expected that the French would have attacked our Lines this day, but they only posted some Foot and Dragoons on another rising Ground; and several Deserteers came over this evening, who say, the Enemy intends to begin the Attack to-morrow, whereof we expect the Issue.

Paris, April 23. On the 19th Instant the French King received an Express from the Marshal de Villars, dated the 15th, and giving an Account, That he was actually marching with an Army of 26000 Men; It is not certainly known whither; tho' the common Report is, That he was to be the 18th at Stollhoffen, in order to attack the Lines which Prince Lewis of Baden has cast up there. All the Officers who are to serve this Summer in Germany, and are not already at their respective Commands, have Orders to be at Strasbourg by the first of the next Month. Those who are to serve in Flanders are commanded to repair forthwith to Brussels. The Marshal de Villeroy began his Journey thither yesterday; but the time of the Duke of Burgundy's departure seems not yet to be fixed. Several Regiments of Horse of the Army he is to command are not yet recruited and remounted, and the Officers desire a Month's time longer to have them compleat. They write from Rochell of the 14th, That an Order was published there that day, prohibiting all new Converts to have any Arms in their Custody, on pain of being sent to the Gallies; And the like Prohibition is to be published in several other Places. Letters from Montpellier of the 11th Instant say, That on the first Instant the Marshal de Montrevel being informed that a great number of Protestants were at their Devotions in a Mill near Nismes, he caused them all to be barbarously murdered, and then the Mill to be fired, where their Bodies were burnt; which had so enraged the Malecontents of the Seveignes, that a Body of them came to Anduze, and destroyed all the Mills there; after which they advanced to Maulzeau, and burnt a great part of that Town, and ruined likewise the Castle of Leque near Lunel. They write from Nismes, That the Marshal de Montrevel keeps in that City, not being able to make head against the Camifars till he receives farther Reinforcements, tho' he has already in those Parts 18 Battalions of regular Troops; and that 500 new Converts had been brought thither Prisoners, upon suspicion that they supplied the Malecontents with Provisions; but 400 were set at liberty, nothing appearing against them. The Disorder in these Parts is greater than can be imagined, and the old Papists and new Converts are at open War with one another, each Party oppressing the other as they happen to be strongest. The last Letters from our Army in Italy are of the

11th Instant, and bring no manner of News, the Duke of Vendosme not being yet in a Condition to put in execution the Designs he has formed against the next Campaign. He complains very much of the Recruits lately sent him from this Kingdom, which are either too young or superannuated, or otherwise unfit for the Service.

Hague, April 27. N.S. We have received Advice, That the Town of Bon was invested the 24th Instant, and that the Trenches would be opened this day or to morrow, and so good a Provision is made for this Siege, that in all appearance the Place will not be able to hold out above a fortnight; The Garrison consists of 4500 Men, who are well furnished with Ammunition, but want Provisions, By some Letters from *Heydelberg*, and by Postscripts to other Letters from *Francfort* and *Cologne*, we have an Account, That they had a Report in those Places that the *Marshal de Villars*, after having for two days successively attacked the *German Lines* near *Stolbessen*, was obliged to retire with the Loss of 4000 Men; the *Germans* having lost only 400 Foot and 300 Horse, whereof we impatiently expect a more certain and particular Account. There are Letters from *Italy* which say, That the *French* having attempted to pass the *Secchia*, were repulsed with considerable Loss; but this also wants Confirmation. This day we received an Account from *Dunkirk*, That of the Fleet which lately sailed from *Rotterdam*, and was attacked in their Passage to *England*, the *Salisbury* Man of War, the *Muscovy* Merchant, 3 *Dutch* Merchant Ships laden, and 5 more in Ballast, fell into the Enemy's hands, and were brought into *Dunkirk*: The Ships which attacked this Fleet were two *French* Men of War, two Privateers belonging to *Dunkirk*, two from *Ostend*, and one from *Havredegrace*. They write from *Antwerp*, That a Squadron of *English* Men of War was come to cruize before *Dunkirk*. The *English* Forces are not yet marched out of their Garrisons, there being yet no appearance of the *French* Forces taking the Field. The States General have appointed a General Fast to be observed on the 9th of *May* next, to pray for the Continuance of God's Blessing on the Arms of this Republick. The *Baron de Bithmar*, Envoy from the Princes of the House of *Lunenburgh*, is returned hither from *Cell*, and the *Baron de Schutz*, who came lately from *England*, where he has resided in the same Quality, left this Place the 25th Instant, in order to his return home.

Plimouth, April 18. Her Majesty's Ships the *Eagle* and *Royal-Oak* came in here the 14th Instant, with 24 Merchant Ships under their Convoy, from *Lisbon*, and 6 more from *Leghorne*. Her Majesty's Ship the *Brittol* came in the same day from *Jamaica*, which brought Prisoners from thence *Captain Kirkby*, *Captain Wade*, and *Captain Constable*; The two former were shot to Death the 16th on board the said Ship, in pursuance of the Sentence given against them by the Court Martial held at *Jamaica* in October last, for their Cowardice, Breach of Orders, and Neglect of Duty, in the Fight between *Admiral Benbow* and *Montieur Du Casse*. This evening came in Her Majesty's Ship the *Nonfuch* from *London*, bound home from *Lisbon*, which she had retaken. A *Dutch* Privateer has brought in here four *French* Prizes laden with Wine from *Bordeaux*.

Portsmouth, April 20. Vice-Admiral *Lake* sailed from *Spithead* the 16th Instant with several of Her Majesty's Ships to the *Westward*. *Sir George Rooke* came to *Spithead* the 18th with Her Majesty's Ships under his Command from the *Downes*.

The Season of the Year advancing, it is Her Majesty's Pleasure, That no Person whatever do apply to be Touched for the Evil after the 3d Day of *May* next.

By the Principal Commissioners for Prizes.

It is hereby given Notice, That on *Wednesday* next, at 9 in the morning, at *Salter's Hall*, will be continued the Sale of the Goods out of the *Sancta Cruz* Galeon, beginning at 10 o'clock, at the same time and place will be also exposed to Sale the Prize Ships (unsold) lying at *Portsmouth*, li-

mouth, *Falmouth*, *Foy*, *Dartmouth*, *Bristol*, *Kinsale*, the *St. John of Bourdeaux*, and Cargo of *Sugars* and *Cocoa*, lying at *Swansey*; *Sujanna* of *Nantz*, and Cargo of *Fish* and *Salt*, at *Weymouth*; and such other Prize Goods as have been published for Sale, and remain unsold: New Allowments of which will be forthwith dispersed.

This is to give Notice, That the Sale intended to be held at *Lord's Coffee-house* in *London-street*, by Order of the High Court of Admiralty, on *Wednesday* the 28th Instant, is put off till *Thursday* the 6th of *May* next, at 3 in the afternoon, at the same place.

All Persons owing Arrears of Rent for Wine-Licences, or whose Licences are expired, are hereby desired to take Notice, That if they do not pay their said Arrears, and renew their said Wine-Licences with all speed, they will be forthwith sued at Law for the same.

Whereas it was inserted in the Gazette the 25th of *March* last, that the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen had appointed the 4th and 5th of *May* next, at 9 in the forenoon, at the Inner-Chamber at *Guildhall*, to receive Proposals, and treat with any Person or Persons for the taking of a Lease of the Manor of *Drainburton*, near *Beverly* in the County of *York*, they being Trustees of the said Estate for the Benefit of *Emmanuel Hospital*: Now these are to give Notice, That the said Court have put off the same to the 22d and 23d of *June* next, at 9 in the forenoon; at which times the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen will be ready at the said *Guildhall* to receive any such Proposals as aforesaid.

Advertisements.

There is now published, The Manifesto of the Duke of *Moles*, late Ambassador from *Charles II.* King of *Spain*, to the Imperial Court: In justification of his Acknowledging the Title of the House of *Austria* to the Spanish Monarchy. Printed by *Edward James* in the *Savoy*.

The Paintings, &c. of the Rt. Hon. *Philip* and *Robert*, late Earls of *Lichfield*, being already sold, there remains some Portfolios of Capital Italian Drawings, which, at the Desire of some Persons of Quality, will be sold by Auction on *Saturday* the 24th Instant, at 10 in the forenoon, at the Twisted Posts in *Great Queen-street*.

John *Bentham*, aged about 30, wears a light coloured Cloth Riding-Coat, his own flaxen lank Hair, was seized at *Porter* in *Yorkshire* on the 20th past, and since committed to *York* *Goal* on suspicion of *Horse-stealing*, and uttering Counterfeit Money; Having with him a bay Nag about 13 hands, with a Race down his Face, 3 white Feet, and some white Spots on his far Buttock; a Roan Pacing Mare about 14 hands, no white on her; and also a pair of Leather Bags, 34 l. 10 s. in Counterfeit Crown Pieces, with 19 Counterfeit Broad-pieces; a pair of old Breeches, the outside red Shag with white Flowers; with several other things. Whoever can give any Account concerning the said *John* *Bentham*, or the Counterfeit Money, let them repair to the Mayor of *Porter*, or to *Mr. Robert Weddell* at the Mint Office, in the Tower of *London*, where they may receive farther Satisfaction: And upon Discovery as aforesaid, all reasonable encouragement.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt hath been awarded against *Nicholas Tabor*, late of *Cambridge*, Brewer, All Persons that owe him any Moneys, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their hands, are forthwith to pay and deliver the same to *Mr. Richard Northup* of *Cambridge*, Baker, Assignee and Trustee, or they'll be paid; to whom the Creditors are to pay their Contribution-money.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against *Henry Biant*, late of *London*, Packer, stand to meet on *Friday* the 7th of *May* next, at 3 in the afternoon, at the Inner Chamber at *Guildhall*, *London*, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; And all Creditors concerned are then and there to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-money, or they'll be excluded the said Dividend.

Esq. *James* *Grigg*, of *Lieutenant-General* *Stuart's* Regiment, aged about 35, a raven-haired Man, about 5 foot 11 inches high, troops in his Shoulters, ruddy complexion'd, speaks Scotch English, an Impediment in his Speech, in a light bob Wig, a red coat and Cloth Shoes; Coat, lined with the same colour, a blue Waistcoat, lined with black; ran away the 10th Instant from *Newark* upon Trent with a considerable Sum of Money, and detoured *John* *Salter* and *John* *Milburne*, whom he had lifted, for 4 l. each. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to *Mr. John Wilkes*, Agent, at a Druggist's over-against *Hungerford* in the Strand, *London*, shall have a *Guinea* Reward.

Dejected out of *Capt. James* *Hackett's* Company, in *Col. Hall's* *Marine* Regiment, from *Portsmouth*, *Chas. Colman*, middle sized, fair complexion'd, aged about 30, lived in *St. Giles's*, *James* *Finkle*, Coat and Buck, well known in *Quinn's* House, *Edward* *Keale*, tall, well set, of a brown complexion, a Scar on his left Cheek, was an Officer at the *Castle* in *James's* *Ward*, *Rutland*, well set, of a light brown complexion, full of freckles, a Weaver; *John* *Usher*, well set, of a dark complexion, used to be formerly a Soldier in *Sir* *Cloud* *de* *Shells* Regiment of *Marines*, a *Glazier*, and lives by *Leicester* Fields. Whoever secures or discovers any of them to *Mr. The* *Evans* at *Isaac's* Coffee-house in *Fortess* *Row*, shall have a *Guinea* Reward; or if they or any of them will return to their Companies before the 31 of *May* next, they shall be pardoned.