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Turin, Febr. 29. N. S.

THE Forces on both sides continue in their Winter Quarters; Those of our Duke and his Allies have lately made some Excursions with very good Success, and have put a considerable Tract of Land in the *Novarese* and the *Montferrate* under Contribution. The *Germans* finding themselves somewhat streightened in their Quarters, 1500 of their Horse have been sent to Winter in the Principality of *Maffran*, a Fief belonging to the Pope. His Royal Highness has considerably augmented the Garrison of *Nice*, and has posted some Troops in the Passes to that Town, to keep its Communication open with *Piedmont*. Prince *Charles of Vaudemont* is to go hence in 3 or 4 days to command the Imperial Army on the *Secchia*, the Count de *Staremberg* being to command in these Parts. The Duke de la *Fenillade* is to serve on this side in the French Army under the Duke de *Vendosme*, whose Brother the Grand Prior is to command the French Forces at *San Benedetto*. The Marshal de *Taffe* is sent for to the French Court. The French Troops in *Savoy* and *Dauphine* are most of them marched towards the *Rhosue*, in order to their being either employed against the *Severnois*, or sent into *Spain*.

Copenhagen, March 15. A Dutch Fleet of about 80 Sail of Merchant Ships came into the Sound the 9th Instant, having been convoyed as far as the *Skaw* by 3 Men of War of that Nation, which left them, and sailed for *Bergen*, being to convoy home the 3 Dutch *East-India* Ships which have Wintered there. Letters from thence say, one of these three homeward-bound *East-India* Ships has been seized as belonging to the Chamber of *Zealand*, by way of Reprisal for the Danish Ships taken of late by the *Zealand* Capers. The 11th the King went to *Fredericksbourg*, where he received on the 13th the News of the Death of his Second Son, Prince *George*, whereupon he returned hither the same evening. This day the See of *Fubmen*, vacant by the Death of *Dr. Kingo*, was filled up by *Dr. Muller*, who was Consecrated by the Archbishop of *Copenhagen* in *St. Mary's* Church, the King and Queen being present.

Presbourg, March 6. This day Monsieur *Hamel Bruinix van Nieuwrode*, Envoy from the States General to the Emperor, went from hence with a Pass from *Berzoni*, to confer with him and the rest of the Heads of the Malecontents in order to an Accommodation.

Vicna, March 8. A Danish Regiment of Horse passed by here 2 days ago in their March to *Hungary*, to join the Forces under the Command of General *Heister*. The Malecontents continue their Excursions; and being informed, that the Inhabitants of the Country about the Castle of *Blasenstein* had laid up their best Effects there, a strong Body of them attacked it with great fury; but the Inhabitants defended themselves so well, that the Malecontents were forced to retire with considerable Loss. Mr. *Stepney*, Her Majesty of Great Britain's Envoy Extraordinary, returned hither the 6th Instant from *England*, being come by the way of *Hanover*.

Zurich, March 8. The Duke of *Savoy's* Levies go on with good Success. The *Swiss* Cantons have represented very highly some offensive Expressions in the French Ambassador's last Memorial, for which he has been obliged to make some Excuses. The Envoy of

Savoy, who loses no opportunity of making the Cantons sensible what Treatment they would receive from France, should they suffer themselves to be surrounded by the Arms of that Crown, and consequently liable at any time to be oppressed by it, has lately writ them a long Letter to that purpose, representing to them what they must expect if that should come to be the Case, when they meet with this usage at a time that their Friendship would be of so great advantage to the French; which Letter meets with a general Approbation, and it is hoped will have a very good effect.

Francfort, March 16. The Enemy have not yet attacked *Manderkingen*, as it was expected they would, having (as is thought) laid aside that Design upon some Preparations the Allies were making to oppose it. It is said, that the Elector of *Bavaria* has not above 10000 regular Forces of his own, and that his French Auxiliaries are diminished from 25 or 20000 to 15000, and those are in want of many Necessaries. A French Major-General endeavouring to pass by the way of *Bregents* to *Schaffhouse* in a Friar's Habit, Major-General *Thungen*, who commands the Imperial Forces on that side, having notice of it, caused him to be seized, and there were taken about him several Letters from the French Army in *Swabia*, whereby it appears that they despair of receiving the Reinforcements designed them from *Alsace*, the *Black Forest* being rendered unpassable by the Snow; and a Line is making between that Forest and *Switzerland*, to deprive the French in *Swabia* of all manner of Communication with that Country, or with *Alsacia*.

Hamburg, March 18. Letters from *Warsaw* of the 6th Instant say, the Heads of the Confederated Nobility of *Poland*, who are assembled there, had received 3 days before the News of their King's having caused the Princes *James* and *Constantine Sobiesky* to be seized near *Breslaw*, and carried away Prisoners to *Saxony*; which was a great Surprise and Mortification to them; and some Proposals had thereupon been made of drawing some Forces together for the Security of the Cardinal Primate, and the rest of the Members of that Assembly; but no Resolution has yet been taken thereupon. They had also received an Account, that 40 Troops of the Forces of the Crown had declared for their King; and that the Han of *Tariary* had promised to assist him with 30000 Men whenever there should be occasion.

Hague, March 21. N. S. The Confederate Troops are marching towards the *Maese*, that they may be in a readiness to oppose any Designs the French may have on that side. The *Russel* Man of War put to Sea lately from *Helvet-Sluice*, and having joined the *Winchester* and an English Yacht off the *Goree*, they sailed together yesterday for *England*. There are some Letters from *Vicna* which say, That the Accommodation with the Malecontents in *Hungary* was concluded; whereof we must expect the Confirmation, it being improbable that all Difficulties could be so soon adjusted.

Chiffier, March 10. Yesterday Sir *Richard Temple's* Regiment of Foot landed at *Nelson* from *Dublin*, and marched into this City the same evening. We have an Account from *Dublin*, That Her Majesty's Ship the *Lima* has brought in there a French Privateer of 8 Guns and 50 Men.

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