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Turin, March 11. N. S.

Prince Charles of Vaudemont has sent his Equipage hence to the *Secchia*, being to command in chief the Imperial Forces on that side, and his Highness, with General *Visconti*, and several other Officers, will be going thither to-morrow. The *Bavarian* Minister left this Place last week; and the Count de *Brienne*, our Duke's Minister at that Elector's Court, is shortly expected here. The *Spanish* Ambassador, who has been confined in his own House ever since the breaking out of the War between the Two Crowns and this State, has now obtained the same Liberty of going any where within this Town, as is allowed at Com to Monsieur *Phillippeaux*, the *French* Ambassador. The Marquis de *Prie* will be going hence in few days on his Embassy to the Imperial Court. Our Advices from *France* say, that the *Camisars* increase daily in number in the *Vivarez*, and are absolute Masters of the open Country: Some Letters say, they are 4000 strong on that side, besides those in *Severme*. The *French* have fitted out 12 Men of War at *Toulon*, the least 60 Guns, and have 12 more ready cleaned in that Port, which want only their Complement of Men. They give out, that they expect as many more to join them from *Marseilles*; which Preparations are supposed to be designed for covering their intended Siege of *Nice*. In the mean time all possible Precautions are taking on our side for the Defence of that Place.

Zurich, March 19. The *Swiss* Cantons begin to grow impatient at the Delays used by the *French* Court in returning an Answer to their late Demands of a Neutrality for the *Duchy of Savoy*, made at their late Diet at *Soleure*. In the mean time the *French* Ambassador has writ a Letter to this Cantons, to assure them from the Elector of *Bavaria*, that the Troops of that Prince should not attempt any thing against the Towns which are situate upon the Lake of *Compane*, or upon the *Rhine*, from *Basle* to *Bregence*, desiring this Cantons to communicate this Letter to the rest of the *Helvetic* Body; upon which they have ordered here a Letter of Thanks to be writ to him. Monsieur de *Mellared*, the Duke of *Savoy's* Envoy, has settled his Capitulation for Levies with most of the *Catholic* Cantons; that of *Lucerne* unanimously agreed thereto the 10th Instant; and there is no doubt but *Fribourg* will do the same: The lesser Cantons had before agreed to the Envoy's Proposals; so that there being now a Majority of the Cantons, who have given their Consent, the Levies are begun in the common Bayliwicks for the Duke's Service with very good Success. Several *French* Regiments are drawn from *Savoy*, to be employed against the *Camisars*. On the 7th Instant the *Swiss* who are in Garrison in *Montmelian*, made a Sally upon a *French* Regiment that made part of the Blockade of that Place, killed 300 of them upon the spot, and took many Prisoners: Most of the Officers of that Regiment were at that time diverting themselves at *Chambery*. They are fitting 12 Capital Ships of War at *Toulon*; and the Intendant *Vassovoy* is come down thither from the *French* Court, with Orders for the fitting out of several more. The Count de *Toulonse* is to go on board, and the Marshal *d'Estrees* is to command under him; but their Design is kept secret. The Letters from *Italy* mention a smart Encounter about the *Novaresse* between the *Imperialists* and the *French*, and that the Advantage remained on the side of the *German*; but we must expect a more certain and particular Account before we can know what Credit is to be given to this News. The *French* in the *Lower Lombardy* make very great Preparations for a Siege, which the Grand Prior is to undertake, and is said to be that of *Mirandola*. The Count de *Trausmandorf*, who commands the *Imperial* Forces in those Parts, suspecting the *French* had some Correspondence in that Place, has changed the Garrison, and provided it with all Necessaries for its Defence. The Marshal de *Talard* has been some time at *Strasbourg*; and great Preparations are making there, which it is believed are designed for some Enterprize on the *Rhine*.

Venas, March 15. Monsieur *Bruinix*, Envoy from the States General, returned thither this day from *Schuyt*, where he had been to confer with *Berzeni*, one of the chief of the Malecontents of *Hungary*, in order to an Accommodation. The Malecontents have lately possessed themselves of the Castles of *Mengatz* and *Ungwar*. The Two Princes *Jam*;

and *Constantine Sobieski* continue under Confinement in the Castle of *Leipzig*: The King of *Poland* offers to deliver them up into the Emperor's Hands, to be kept in any part of his Territories, provided his Imperial Majesty will answer that they shall not get away, nor carry on any Intreagues against his Person and Government.

Hague, March 25. Yesterday my Lord *Carr's* returned hither from reviewing all Her Majesty's *English* Forces, having sent a Detachment of between 3 and 4000 Foot, under the Command of Brigadier *Fergufen*, up the *Mase*. The *English* Forces were never known to be so healthful as they are at this time.

Hague, March 28. N. S. On the 24th Instant the States of the Province of *Holland* and *Westfriseland* were extraordinarily assembled, and came to a final Resolution in the Matter relating to the Nomination of the General Officers who are to command the Forces of this State the next Campaign. They agreed to the Expedient proposed for contenting the Provinces of *Eastfriseland* and *Groningen*, viz. that the young Prince of *Nassau*, their Stadholder, should be now declared a General of Foot, but should not enter upon that Command till he be of Age; and as for the Lieutenants General, the Majors General, Marshals de Camp, and Brigadiers, they agreed to the List proposed by the States General to the several Provinces for their Approbation. This Resolution of the States of *Holland* was signified the next day to the States General, and Four Provinces more have since agreed to it; so that there wants only the Consent of those of *Zeland* and *Overyssel*; when that is procured, then a perfect List of the General Officers will be published: In the mean time we are told that the Velt Marshal and Generals are as follows.

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| Velt-Marschal. | |
| Monsieur d'Auverquerque. | |
| Generals of Foot. | Of Horse. |
| Monsieur Slangenberg, | Monsieur Obdam, |
| The Count de Noyelles, | The Count de Tilly, |
| The Prince of Nassau-Effeland. | |

Two days ago there came a Resolution of the States of *Zeland*, whereby they recall Monsieur *Odyke* from his Employment of one of their Deputies in the Assembly of the States General, who is thereupon gone to *Utrecht*. The Envoy of *Danmark* has notified to the States, that a *Dutch East-India* Ship has lately been seized in *Norway*, by way of Reprisal for several *Danish* Ships taken by the *Zeland* Capers, and will not be released till Restitution be made by the *Zelanders* of those *Danish* Ships, which are about 20 in number. The other two *Dutch East-India* Ships which put into *Norway* in her Company are daily expected at *Amsterdam*. The States General have concluded a Treaty with the Duke of *Wirtemberg* for some of his Forces, which they take into their Service to supply the room of those they have sent to *Portugal*. The Regiment of Horse Guards marched yesterday towards the *Mase*, and will be followed next week by the Foot Guards. Another Regiment of Horse is arrived here in the room of the former; and in the place of the latter another Regiment of Foot is expected here. It is said the Marshal de *Villeroi* is come to *Namur*; but hitherto he has contented himself with keeping us in alarm by the Movements of his Forces, without any fixed Design that can be yet discovered.

Brissol, March 18. Yesterday came in here Her Majesty's Ship the *Arundel*, and several Transport Ships with a Regiment of Foot on board from *Ireland*, which is since landed here.

Plymouth, March 19. Yesterday came in here Her Majesty's Ships the *Southampton* and *Lizard*, and the *Hazard*, a Man of War, taken some time ago from the *French*, together with several homeward bound Merchant Ships, and 5 or 6 Tin Ships from *Cornwall*.

Tarmonth, March 20. This day Her Majesty's Ship the *Royal Charter's* Prize came into our Road, with about 40 Sail of Ships under her Convoy from *Hull*, bound for the *River*.

Portsmouth, March 21. Yesterday Her Majesty's Ships the *Windfor*, *Gloster*, *Bridgewater*, and *Griffin* Fire-ships came to Spithead, with about 50 Sail of Merchant Ships and Captains from the *Westward*.

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