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**A**N English Man who made his Escape from the Enemy reports, That *Senor. Pemento*, Governor of *Cartagena*, has retired to a Castle, with several of his Friends, and stands upon his Defence: We expect the Confirmation of it, and that several others will follow his Example.

*Turin, March 17. N. S.* The new Levies and other Preparations of War for our Duke's Service are carried on with all possible Diligence, in order to an early Campaign. We are in great hopes, that the Auxiliary Forces which the *Swiss* Cantons are to furnish us with, in pursuance of former Defensive Leagues between his Royal Highness and them, will be speedily raised, and Commissaries are already appointed to receive them; and Provision is making for their Subsistence in the Dutchy of *Austria*. His Royal Highness having resolved to augment the Fortifications of the Town and Castle of *Iurea*, has ordered publick Notice to be given, That his Officers are ready to treat with any Persons that will undertake those Works. Another Proclamation is also issued, That the Marquis of *Bagnasco*, General of the Artillery, is ready to receive the Proposals of any Persons that will undertake to furnish Horses, Wagons and other Necessaries, for the Train during the next Campaign. They write from *Vercelli*, That the *French* have surpris'd a Village in the *Novarese* named *Rob*, and carried away 100 *Germans*, who were quartered there, Prisoners to *Novara*. We hear the *French* Forces which were in the Valley of *Pragelas* are retired from thence; as are also two Battalions of their Forces which lay at *Chaumont*, not far from *Susa*. The *Germans* have surpris'd two Castles which the *French* were possessed of beyond the River *Sessis*; but we are told the Enemy is drawing together a Body of Troops, with some Artillery, in order to retake them.

*Nismes, March 14. N. S.* Notwithstanding the Endeavours hitherto used to suppress the *Camisars*, they continue their Excursions, wherein they are generally successful; and they have lately plundered and burnt the Village of *Rodilan*, which lay in the Road from hence to *Beaucaire*, and several Country Seats thereabouts. On the 24th past there was a sharp Encounter between one of their Parties and a Detachment of the King's Forces commanded by *Monsieur St. Julien*, near the Village of *Francaffra*;

and the latter having obliged the *Malecontents* to retire, put all the Inhabitants of that Village to the Sword, without any distinction of Age or Sex. The Count *d'Usez* going from hence the 7th Instant towards *Montpellier*, attended by a Party of 40 Dragoons, met with another Party of the *Malecontents*, who defeated his Guard and he made his Escape with great Difficulty: Upon Notice thereof, a strong Detachment was sent out from this Garrison to attack them, but could only meet with 6 of their Straglers, who were brought Prisoners hither. *Monsieur St. Julien*, with his Detachment, is now march'd into the *Vivaretz*, to prevent the *Camisars* making any Progress on that side. About 1000 of the Inhabitants of this Country have lately assembled at *Bouillargues*, within a League of this Place, in order, as they give out, to oppose the *Malecontents*, and they take upon them the Name of *White Camisars*. They have since burnt the Village of *Garrignes* near *Usez*, and put all the Inhabitants to the Sword, upon a Pretence that they held a Correspondence with the *Malecontents*, and furnished them with Provisions: They have also destroyed several Country Houses belonging to some new Converts; but they are not more merciful to the old Roman Catholics; and we daily receive very melancholly Accounts of the Disorders these *White Camisars* commit in the open Country, making no distinction between Friend and Foe, when there is any Prospect of a good Booty.

*Zurich, March 22.* We do not hear that the *French* Ambassador has yet received any Answer to the Express he dispatched 3 weeks ago to the King his Master, to acquaint him with the unanimous Resolution of the *Swiss* Cantons, to insist upon a Neutrality for the Dutchy of *Savoy*. *Monsieur de Limigne*, that Ambassador's Agent at *Bern*, is soliciting that Canton for Leave to raise a Regiment of Foot for the *French* King's Service; but they do not appear dispos'd to grant it. The Margrave of *Baden Dourlach* came lately to *Basse*, intending to reside there for some time.

*Falmouth, March 27.* Yesterday came in here in 6 weeks from *Jamaica* the King *William* Pacquet-Boat, with 3 Mails on board: She was put into *Scilly* by contrary Winds; and sailing thence the 25th Instant, in order to continue her Voyage, she was chased by a *French* Privateer as far as *Lundy*; and to make her Escape, was obliged to throw two of her Guns over-board.

*Plimouth, March 28.* Yesterday came in here the *Rose*, a *Swedish* Ship, *Hans Burgeson* Master, laden with Deals and Plank for this Place.

*Yarmouth, March 29.* Her Majesty's Ships the *Chester* and *Nightingale* are now in our Roads, with about 400 Sail of light Colliers bound for *Newcastle*.

*Portsmouth, March 31.* Her Majesty's Ship the *Charbam* sailed from *Spithead* the 29th Instant in the evening, being Convoy to several Merchant Men