

dukes with provision for their present subsistence till greater care can be taken of them; who with those of *St George* and of *Macafca* may make up a considerable body of men to be in readiness upon all occasions.

The Grand Visir has not yet removed from *Candia*; nor the Grand Seignor from *Ibessalonique* or *Larissa*, whete he spends his time in divertisements, but with dissatisfaction to the Countrey, who are burden'd with the Quartering of about 30 thousand persons attending on the Court; many new Gallies are building at *Constantinople* against the next Spring.

Our forces returning from *Candia* have had ill and dangerous returns, and a great number of them cast away at sea; besides others formerly men ion'd we have now information of the loss of a Tartan, and a man of War called the *Judgement of Salomon* with above 2000 men, most of them *Bavarians*.

Most of the foreign companies arrived from that service are dismist with satisfaction, and their Officers with chains of Gold and Medals, in testimony of their merits in the late war.

For the future it is ordered that no ships arriving from the *Levant*, shall be obliged to make their Quarantine; those parts being now known to be free from all infection.

We have advice that the Grand Seignor has lately ordered the raising of 25 thousand men for the increase of his Army, without declaring upon what design; but that he had caused 2 *Sangjacs* to be empaled, for advising him to a War with *Poland*.

Vienna, Feb. 8 The Empress *Eleanor* with her Daughter the future Queen of *Poland* intended the 30th past to have began their journey for *Poland*, and in order thereunto several Waggonns were sent away because laden with provisions with a guard for their security, but the great Rains and Snows caused so great an inundation that it was thought necessary to defer their departure till better weather; the Council of war had then also ordered six Regiments to attend them on the way, whereof two were to have been their Guard through *Moravia*; two other through *Silesia*; and the other to have marched as far as *Czenstokow* the place designed for the Queens Marriage; since this, several Couriers arrived from *Poland* to press her departure; whereupon, although the waters of the *Danube* were not so much abated as could be desired, Order was given for the passing over all the Train and Baggage, with the Regiments of *Schuid* and *Heister*; and yesterday the Empress and Arch-Duchess having taken their leaves of the Emperour, passed also the River, and this night intend to lie at *Ebersdorf*, having in their Train 40 Coaches and 6 Horses. Yesterday His Imperial Majesty dispatcht away a Courier to the King of *Poland*, to give him at the same time an account of the recovery of his health, and the departure of his Royal Bride.

On Sunday last the Emperour first quitted his Chamber in perfect health, and the same day according to custom received the annual Present made to him by the Jews.

Prince *Charles* of *Lorraine* received about the same time by an Express, the news of the death of Duke *Francois* his Father, which he communicated to the Emperour, and has since received the Compliments of all the great personages of the Court, who condoled with him for his loss.

From *Hungary*, we are informed that the Governor of *Gemorra*, having intelligence that about 4000 of the *Turks* intended to take the opportunity of the frost to pass the *Danube*, with a design to have committed some spoils in the Emperours dominions, the better to have obliged them to become contributory to them, caused a report to be spread abroad, that several of the Emperours Regiments were upon their march into those parts, which had the success he intended, and diverted the *Turks* from their intended incursion.

The Count *de Montecuculi*, President of the Council of War, is lately gone to *Raab*, to take order for the security and defence of the Kingdom of *Hungary*, and to quiet the spirits of the people, who are in great apprehensions of fresh disturbances; which are not a little heightened by a report spread amongst them, of a battle seen in the air about *Leopoldstadt*, between two phantostick armies; and at the same time a thunder heard imitating the noise both of canon and musquets.

Brussels, Feb. 25. The Reformation of the Army is still advanced, care is taken for Moneys for a months pay to be given to all the forces of this Province, after which, tis believed the Reform will be publisht; as to the Cavalry, they are already resolv'd upon the disbanding of 43 Troops, besides the Regiments of the Prince *de Chimay*, Prince *de Navie*, and Duke of *Aerschbar*, the latter keeping up only 100 Horse as his own Troop.

The Generallhip of the Horse is not yet conferred, the Prince *de Ligue* continues as yet at his Countrey house preparing for his voyage to *Sicily*; but intends not to set forwards till the beginning of *April*, and then to travel by Land through *Germany* and to take *Rome* in his way.

From *Besuncon* they seem still doubtful of the intentions of the French, since at the late Fair they bought up all the Horses which were fit for service, or to be employed in their Train of Artillery.

Weymouth, Feb. 16. The Fourteenth instant arrived here a vessel of this Port from *St. Maloes*, and one Ketch from the *Chbrante*, telling us that about 30 French ships of War lie in that River, but the fitting them up is suspended upon the probability of a good correspondence with *Flanders*, and that Five new Fregats are there upon the Stocks ready to be launched, and are designed to carry from Fifty to Sixty Guns apiece.

The Fifteenth instant arrived here Four small ships from *Burdeaux*, *Cherbourg*, and other parts of *France*, and on the same day sailed hence Six of our *Newfoundland* Traders on the account of the Fishing.

London, Feb. 20. On Monday last the Parliament assembled according to the Term appointed at their last Prorogation, whither His Majesty went in Coach preceded by His Trumpets and Kettle Drums at the head of his new Guards, and follow'd by His Horse Guards, and in his Robes took His Seat in the House of Lords, where he was attended by the House of Commons with their Speaker, to whom he made a Gracious Speech, which was enlarged on by another from the Lord Keeper, both of which have been since publisht: the House of Commons returning to their own House, and voting His Majesties Speech to be taken into consideration the Thursday following, adjourned themselves to that day.

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