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Moscow, February 6. N. S.

LAST Week Field-Marshal Zeremetoff and General Halliard arrived here from Courland, having disposed their Forces in such a manner, as entirely to block up the Town of Riga. A great quantity of necessary Materials are preparing in order to fix Batteries on the River Dwina, and hinder the approach of any Relief by Sea. The Swedish Generals having complained to the Czar, that several of the Swedish common Soldiers were suffered to die for Hunger, and that no Care was taken even to bury their dead Bodies; his Majesty was highly incensed for the occasion of this Complaint, and immediately ordered Prince Gagarin, one of the chief Ministers, and Governor of Moscow, to be laid under Arrest in his own House, from which he was with great Difficulty released yesterday, at the Request of the Empress-Dowager and the Princesses; but Prince Rogdan Gagarin, the Lieutenant-Governor, hath been laid in a common Prison, with a Silver Chain about his Neck. On the 2d Instant Mr. Grund, the Danish Envoy, had a Publick Audience of Leave in the Castle; being conducted thither in the Czar's Coaches, and afterwards a Dinner was prepared for him with all the usual Ceremonies on such an Occasion.

Turin, February 26. N. S. The Preparations for opening the Campaign are continued with great Application, and his Royal Highness frequently assists at the Consultations which are held on that Occasion. Great quantities of Snow being lately fallen on the Mountains, the Passes will be very difficult for some time. My Lord Rochefort arrived here on the 26th Instant from Barcelona, having brought over with him several Dragoons belonging to his Regiment, whom he designs to remount with Horses bought in this Country, and transport them into Spain. Don Rubio, his Catholick Majesty's Envoy to his Royal Highness, who hath been some Days at Milan, is returned hither.

Lisbon, March 15. N. S. Letters from Badajos say, that the Spaniards under the Command of the Marquis de Monrenegro have made several Incursions into this Kingdom, and have carried away a considerable Booty. Our Forces are advancing towards the Frontiers; and the whole Army will be assembled on the first of the next Month. We hear that the Spanish Flotilla is arrived at Cadiz.

Berne, March 8. N. S. Yesterday the great Council of this Canton took into Consideration a Project of a Treaty with the States-General, relating to the Troops in the Dutch Service, and unanimously approved of it; so that this Difficulty, which had of late Years occasioned some Coldness between the two States, is now intirely removed. By this Treaty sixteen Companies, of two hundred Men each, of the Subjects of this Canton, in the Service of Holland, are to be Commanded by Citizens of Berne, and by no other. The Canton has reserved to themselves the Disposal of eight even of those sixteen Companies, as Vacancies shall happen. The Reason of this Canton's insisting upon this Regulation was, that the Swiss Companies have formerly been given to Strangers, in prejudice of the Subaltern Officers of this Nation. They write from Franche-Comte, that the Impositions laid on that Province have been augmented seven hundred and fifty thousand Livres above what has been demanded in preceding Years.

Elfsnore, March 11. N. S. We have not yet received any exact Account of the Battel in Schonen; but can yet learn no Particulars but from the Wounded that are brought over hither, and others that were in the Engagement. Yesterday at ten in the Morning the Swedes began the Attack of the Danish Army with a Body of Horse of the Left Wing; Major-General Buren-Schild, who led on the advanced Guard against the Horse Guards of his Danish Majesty, was taken Prisoner, his Horse falling under him. Lieutenant-General Rantzau, who commanded the Danes, was wounded on the Breast with a Musket Ball at the first Attack. The Battel was very bloody and obstinate till Night, at which time the Danes retired towards Helsingburg, leaving their Baggage and the Field of Battel to the Swedes. We saw and heard distinctly from this Place the Fire and Noise of the Cannon and small Arms during the whole Action. Major-General Buren-Schild is brought over hither, and we do not hear of any other Prisoners that are taken of the Swedes; but on the side of the Danes it is said that Major-General Rolster is killed, and Colonel Morner, who commanded the Horse-Guards, dangerously wounded, and almost his whole Regiment cut off. The Regiment of Foot-Guards commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Danckwert entirely broken, and all the Officers either killed or wounded. The Prince of Holstein is supposed to be killed or taken Prisoner. Brigadier Weister is wounded. All Accounts agree, that the Swedes obtained a compleat Victory; and that the Danish Cavalry is entirely ruined, and that their Infantry hath suffered very much, but especially the Regiment of Prince Christian. This Day the Noise of the Cannon was renewed very early in the Morning; the Danes having thrown themselves into Helsingburgh, the Swedes pursued them, and are now Bombarding the Place. It was reported that the Danes had demanded Capitulate, but the Noise of the Cannon is not yet ceased. Boats are continually bringing over the wounded, and there are not Vessels enough to transport them. P. S. All the Danish Artillery is lost, and we cannot yet give an account of the number of the slain; but the wounded Men that are brought over unanimously agree, that almost all the Danish Officers were left on the Field of Battel, except Major General Dewiza; General Cormaillon is dispatched to Helsingburg, in order to bring off the Remains of the Danish Army; but we are under apprehensions that they will be obliged to surrender themselves Prisoners of War.

Falmouth, March 11. This Day arrived the Queen's Packet-boat in six Days from Lisbon, Captain Culverden Commander, who reports, that six Spanish Gallies were arrived at Cadiz with four Men of War; and that Sir John Norris, with eight English and four Dutch Men of War, failed for the Straights the 26th of the last Month; as also her Majesty's Ships the *Mary* and *Sorlings*, with six sail of Merchant-ships for Newfoundland.

Plymouth, March 12. Yesterday came in from the Westward, being forced back by contrary Winds, her Majesty's Ships the *Restoration* and *August*, with the Dutchess and India Ships, *Frankland* Packet-boat, and four Ships more which sailed hence the 25th of the last Month.

Bristol, March 12. This Day came in the Harb' Galley of this Port, *Andrew Ruddock* Master, from Leghorn, but last in fourteen Days from Gibraltar; which Garrison he left very well provided with all manner of Necessaries. The Spanish Flotilla arrived at Cadiz, being nine sail, three or four Days before he left Gibraltar. This Day also arrived the Exchange-Galley of *Biddiford* from Lisbon, and the *Lilly* of *Biddiford* from the Canaries.

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