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*Naples, February 27. N. S.*

**T**HE Count de Thau, our Vice-Roy, has repair'd the Fortifications of all the Castles of this Place, and furnish'd them with great Stores of Ammunition and Provisions. Some Days ago the four Deputations of the City held an Assembly, to deliberate upon several Proposals that were made to them for the advantage of Commerce, and agreed to refer them to the Consideration of the most eminent Merchants, who are order'd to give their Opinions of them in Writing. The Emperor has conferr'd the Dignity of a Grandee of Spain upon the Duke de Sorreto and his Successors. Several Persons suspected of forming Designs against the Government, have lately been committed to Prison. We have received advice from Manfredonia, that the Spanish Troops design'd for Hungary were disembark'd at Fiume, and the Transport Ships were returned, having made a prosperous Voyage, except one Tartane that was cast away with Thirty Soldiers on board. They write from Palermo, that the King of Sicily had fix'd on the 30th of next Month for his Publick Entry into Messina. He had sent Orders to all the Governours of the Maritime Places, not to suffer any Ecclesiastical Persons to retire out of the Kingdom, without express Leave from his Majesty.

*Turin, February 28. N. S.* On the 24th an Express arrived here from the Count de Prevana, Minister of this Court at Vienna, with an Account, that he had received an Order from the Emperor to leave that City in three Days, and the Empire in fifteen. Whereupon this Government immediately sent to the Imperial Minister to be gone from hence in Twenty four Hours, and he is accordingly set out for Milan. All the Emperor's Subjects, who have no Settlement in this Country, are likewise order'd to retire out of his Majesty's Dominions in Fifteen Days. On the 26th a Courier was dispatch'd to Sicily, to give the King an Account of these Proceedings, which it is apprehended may occasion a Rupture between the two Courts. Letters from Palermo bring an Account, that Preparations were making for his Majesty's Journey to Messina, and Monsieur Fontana was already gone thither to give Orders for his Reception. The same Advices add, that an Assembly of the States of the Kingdom, consisting of the Nobility, Clergy, and Burgeses was conven'd at Palermo, and the King did not intend to return into Piedmont till after their Separation.

*Stockholm, March 3. N. S.* It has been propos'd in the Assembly of the States to enter into a Treaty with the Allies of the North during the King's Absence, since the time of his return is so very uncertain. But the Princess-Regent has declared, that she cannot consent to any Negotiations of Peace without Instructions from his Majesty,

which she has not yet received. The Committee for Secret Affairs have been in Conference with the Senate, and acquainted them with the Resolutions they are come to for raising a Supply for the Service of this Year. The States have unanimously agreed to send out a Squadron of Men of War early in the Spring, under the Command of Admiral Watrang, in order to encounter that of the Muscovites on the Coasts of Finland. They have likewise agreed to form three Armies, one of which is to be employ'd in Scania, another in Finland, and the third is to remain near this City. All Matters relating to the Defence of the Kingdom being now adjust'd, it is thought the States will finish their Session in a short time. The Senate has sent for General Ducker to take upon him the Command of the Army at this Place, and the Government of Stralsund is to be committed in his absence to Major-General Ekelbach. Some Days ago Monsieur Lewenheym, Secretary of Count Meyerfeld, arrived here from Turkey, and brought a List of several Promotions from the King.

*Madrid, March 12. N. S.* His Majesty continues still at the Palace of the Duke de Medina Celi, and the Ministers often go thither to give him an account of the Affairs of the Kingdom. On the 11th, Don Sancho de Velunza was consecrated Bishop of Ceuta by Cardinal Giudice, assisted by the Bishops of Cardona and Girona. Letters from Catalonia bring an account, that the Forces lately arrived from Sicily were disembark'd, and posted on the Left of the Camp. It was thought as soon as the Horse and Dragoons were mounted, they would be sent to relieve the Walloon Troops, and part of those under the command of the Count de Fiennes, which are to be employ'd in the Siege of Barcelona. The Inhabitants of that Place have sent the Duke de Popoli a Letter for the King, in which it is said they offer to lay down their Arms, and to pay his Majesty's Expences in preparing for the Siege, upon condition they may have their Privileges secured to them. We are informed that there have been great Divisions among their Leaders, and the Marquis de Villaroel, their General in Chief, is dismiss'd from his Command.

*Deal, March 25.* The following Ships are now in the Downs, viz. the Rochester, Thistleworth and the Catherine bound for the East Indies; the Union, London and the Tavistock for Jamaica; the Martha, Society, Globe, James and the Generous Jenny for Virginia; the Broughton and the Smith-Frigat for Guinea; the Sophia and the George for New-England; the Stratford and the Three Mariés for

Bar.