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Venice, February 26.

SINCE the Carnival ended, 'tis computed that Forty Thousand Strangers are gone from hence, reckoning among them the Officers who are returned to their Winter-Quarters, and are ordered to hold themselves in Readiness to take the Field in April next. General Schulenburg sets out next Week for the Levant; from whence 'tis advised, that the Turks are making very great Preparations, as if they designed to make some considerable Attempt on that Side. The Earl of Peterborough left this Place on the 24th Instant; in order to go to Rome. This Morning died Sir Francis Bridgeman, who had been out of England 28 Years, and this Evening all the British Merchants, and others of that Nation here, will attend his Funeral. On the 20th General Schulenburg dined with M. Cunningham, His Britannick Majesty's Resident, together with the Lord Buisford and the Lord Nassau Pawlet; and on the 22d, the same Company were entertained by the Prince Royal of Poland. 'Tis advised from Rome, that the Elector of Bavaria has caused a Present to be made to Don Carlo Albani, of a Diamond worth Five Hundred Pistoles; and that the Pope does particular Honours to his Sons the two Princes of Bavaria who lately arrived. Here are several Convoys making ready to sail to the Levant, one of them has already on board a considerable Sum of Money, and large Stores of Ammunition and Provisions of all Sorts.

Genoa, March 9. On the 2d of this Month an English Merchant-Ship, Captain Metcalf Commander, happening to take Fire, a Quantity of Powder that was in the Cabin blew up, by which her Sides being opened, she presently sunk. She had in her Hold about an Hundred Barrels of Powder that lay with the Balast, but by great Providence that Powder did not take Fire; if it had, the Port would have been destroyed. About two Months ago a French Vessel was lost in the like Manner. These Accidents, which might have proved so

destructive to the Port, the Ships at Anchor, and the City itself, have determined this Republick to make a Law to oblige all Captains of Merchant-Men to send their Powder ashore, before they come into the Harbour; but to preserve the Privilege of the Ships not being searched, the Order is to be sent always to the Captains by the Consul of their Nation.

Berne, March 13. The Deputies of this State, who went lately to Neuville, a little Town on the Lake of Bienne in Comburghership with this Canton, to endeavour to reconcile the Magistrates and People of that Place who have been long at Variance, returned hither Yesterday, after having made there such Dispositions as may re-establish good Harmony, if the Bishop of Pointru who is their Prince, will acquiesce therein. The French Ambassador has not yet called a Dyet of all the Cantons as usual, to present his Credentials and be acknowledged by them, but it is said he will do it soon after Easter. However, he acts as a Publick Minister, and has lately notified to the Cantons the Conclusion of the Treaty of Defensive Alliance between Great Britain, France and Holland.

Copenhagen, March 16. To Day the King set out from hence, with Design to see the Preparations made on this Island, as well as on Laland, for maintaining constantly a Number of Horse on the Lands of his Majesty's own Demesnes: His Majesty is expected back in a Fortnight. The Ports in the Baltick have been so frozen up till within these few Days, that it must have been very difficult for any Vessel to get out; so that we have no fresh Accounts of the Condition of the Swedish Fleet at Carlscrona: The fitting out of ours is continued with all possible Diligence. Friday last being the Birth-Day of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, the Lord Polwarth, His Britannick Majesty's Minister here, treated on that Occasion the Principal Ministers, General Officers and Lords of the Court, as also all the Foreign Ministers residing in this City.