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Venice, March 4.

A Considerable Convoy of Transport Ships and other Vessels failed lately from Malamoco towards Corfu, where our Fleet is refitted and taking in Provisions in order to put to Sea very early this Spring. Two second Rate Men of War were lately launched in our Arsenal, one of which was named the St. Zachary, and the other the Faulcon. But notwithstanding these warlike Preparations we have Advice that a Treaty of Peace with the Turks will be shortly be set on Foot, and Signior Carlo Ruzzini, who is to assist at that Negotiation as Ambassadour from this Republick, has received Orders from the Senate to repair with all possible Expedition to Vienna, from whence he is to proceed to Fetislaw in Hungary where a Congress is to be held for that Purpose. The Duke of Queensberry has lately left this City intending to go to Rome, whither the Count de Charolois and several other Persons of Quality will likewise be going in a few Days.

Copenhagen, March 8. Our Fleet is fitting out to Sea, and for the easier manning it for the future all the Seamen belonging thereto are to be registred in a Book expressing the respective Ships they belong to, on board which they will be obliged to repair upon reasonable Warning, and a Method is settled for their being regularly paid. We hear the Swedes are likewise fitting out their Fleet at Carlscroon. Several new Taxes are resolved on, for the raising of which Orders will shortly be issued, and Directions are given for exacting with great Severity such Arrears of Customs as are owing by our Merchants. The Sieur Nissen is appointed Governour of the Fortress of Tranquebar, and of our other Settlements on the Malabar Islands.

Paris, March 19. The 13th Instant the Bishop of St. Omer, the Marquis de Creguy and another Gentleman of Artois, deputed as usual from the States of that Province, had Audience of the King, being introduced by Prince Charles of Lorraine Governour of the said Province, and the Marquis de la Vrilliere Secretary of State, and conducted by the Sieur des Granges Master of the Ceremonies, and according to Custom they laid before his Majesty an Account of the Proceedings of the said States in their last Session. M. de Rochefort, President, and M. de Lambilly, one of the Counsellors of the Parliament of Rennes, are arrived here from Britany, in Pursuance of the Letters de Cachet sent them to repair to Court to answer to such Matters as were laid to their

Charge, as having been the chief Instruments of frustrating the Endeavours that were lately used to reconcile that Parliament with the Marshal de Montelquiou, who commands the King's Forces in that Province. But that Dispute is now said to be in a fair way of Accommodation; and the States of that Province are to meet again the 1st of May next.

Hague, March 18. The States of Holland and West-Friseland met the 16th Instant, and have since given Directions to hasten the fitting out of the Squadron of Men of War designed for the Baltick, and issued considerable Sums of Money to the several Admiralties to be laid out in that Service. They have likewise had under Consideration the Renewing of the Leases to the Farmers of the publick Revenues; which it is hoped will be put upon a better Foot as well in this Province as throughout the whole United Netherlands, than they have hitherto been, a Committee of the States General, the Council of State, and the Chamber of Accompts, being appointed to consult upon Methods of managing them to the best Advantage. The States of this Province have resolved to pay in seven yearly Payments, the Arrears due to the Troops of their Quota, the first Payment to be made this Year. The French Ambassadour M. de Chateaufort being on his Departure, and M. de Morville his Successor shortly expected, several Points of the Ceremonial to be observed on his Reception, have been settled by the States; and among other Matters it is resolved that he shall be entertained at the publick Expence three Days, according to ancient Usage, notwithstanding what was determined about a Year and half ago concerning the laying aside that Custom; such Frugality being looked upon as Dishonourable to the Republick. The Sieur Coutier, who formerly commanded the Garrison of Bonne, is chosen Governour of the Dutch Colony of Surinam, in the Room of the Sieur Mahoni lately deceased, and will shortly take the usual Oaths for that Employment before the States General, and will afterwards repair to his Government by the first Opportunity. The Tumult at Leyden, occasioned by the new Regulations made by the Magistrates of that City concerning the Woollen Manufacture, is in some Measure appeased. General Rank has left this Place, and, as is said, is gone back to Sweden. The Emperour has made a new Settlement of the Government of the Austrian Netherlands, of which Prince Eugene of Savoy continues Governour in Chief, and the Marquis de Prié, in his Absence, is to have