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Cádiz, March 19.

The 15th instant between two and three in the morning, happened here the most violent Storm that hath been ever known in these parts, or rather a Hurricane, which lasted not longer then halfe a quarter of an hour, but in that short time, did very great mischief to this place; many houses were quite thrown down to the ground, burying their Inhabitants with them in their ruine; several ships and other small vessels were sunk in the harbor, amongst others two French, and one Portuguese vessel, laden with Sugars and Tobacco, besides near 50 long Boats, as they call them, bound for *Seville*; several men were drowned in the ships that were lost; and in a word, there were but few either upon the water or at land who were not sharers in this misfortune, which by its violent suddainness, was the less able to be prevented.

Venice, March 27. By a Vessel arrived here from *Dalmatia* we have advice of the flourishing condition of things in those parts, through the great encrease of Trade, which the inhabitants there have of late followed with great diligence, to the enriching of themselves and those Countreys; That the Proveditor-General *Barbaro* hath been to visit several places in those parts, to see what is at present wanting there, to the end they may be accordingly provided from other places; and that the Envoye lately sent from the Port to assist with the *Bassa* of *Bosnia* in the matter for determining the limits with this State, was gone to *Reszano, Marasca* and other places, which by the late Treaty of peace are to be surrendered to this Republick.

From *Zant* we are informed, that by a French Tartane lately come thither from *Cania*, they received advice, that the Grand Signior intended to have this Spring, a very powerful Fleet in those seas, to be employed on some great designe; this news being arrived at *Malta*, hath very much alarmed them there, so far, as that they are setting all hands at work on their fortifications, and in all other things, providing against any designe the Port might have upon them; nor as we are informed, are the people in *Sicily* less apprehensive, lest these great preparations of the Turks may be intended against their Island, and are therefore not a little awakened by these alarms, to contribute vigorously in what they may, for the best security and defence of themselves.

Some days since Signior *Trotti*, the present Nuncio here, took leave of this Senate, in order to his return to *Rome*, his Successor Signior *Varese* being daily expected from thence.

Yesterday here happened an unfortunate accident in one of the Principall Churches of this place called *St. Bassa*, where one of the wax Candles, which according to their Custom they had set round the Church, unhappily firing some part of the hangings, and not being timely discovered, in a short time the whole Church was burnt down to the ground, with two or three houses adjoining to it, when by the endeavor of the Inhabitants it was at length happily quenched without doing any farther mischief.

Vienna, March 28. We are told that the Spanish Ambassador here, hath received directions from the Queen Regent of *Spain*, to hasten by all possible means the Levies which he is to make in these Countries, to be employed for the Service of that Crown in the Kingdom of *Naples*.

Signior *Nerli* who is at present here in Quality of Extraordinary Nuncio from the Pope, presses very earnestly, that the Emperor would declare his intentions of entering into some strict League, as proposed by his Holiness, with the other neighbouring Princes, for the better security of Christendom, against the growing power of the Ottoman Port; but how far his Imperial Majesty will engage himself in such a Treaty, is not yet known. Some days since returned hither the Count *de Rothal* from *Presburgh*, and amongst other things, as is said, hath informed the Emperor, that several Palatinats in *Upper Hungary*, have absolutely refused to contribute towards the maintenance of the Troops which are in Garrison in those parts, and that most of the States and Nobility of both the Hungaries, seem to declare their intentions not to consent to the Emperors demands relating to that matter; farther adding, that the Rebels which are retired into *Transylvania*, continue with all the earnestness imaginable, to sollicite for succor at the Port, where they daily exhibit new grievances, and omit nothing which may induce the Grand Signior to take them under his protection; though we doubt not, but their vain endeavors will have no better success, then hitherto they have met with at the Port, from whence according to the assurances they give us, we may expect all the effects of a perfect Peace and good Correspondence; in the mean time, the Emperor hath sent very peremptory orders to several of the Hungarian Nobility, who above the rest, are suspected of some disaffection to his Imperial Majesties Service, to render themselves forthwith before the Commissioners assembled by the Emperors order at *Presburgh*, to answer to such things as may be there layd to their charge; and to give an account wherefore they so obstinately refuse the sums of Money, desired by his Imperial Majesty towards the maintaining his several Garrisons in those Countries, in which in case they fail, to forfeit both Life and Estate; what effect this proceeding may have, we very much expect to hear: the Emperor we are told is sending more Forces into those parts, under the Command of General *Montecuculli*, the better to oblige those people to their duty.

It is said that Count *Nadaffi* having been lately very strictly examined by the Emperors Order, concerning all the particulars of the late rebellion in *Hungary*, did very frankly declare all that had passed within his knowledge, relating to that affair, together with the motives that first occasioned those bad intentions against the Emperors Government. The Emperor hath sent new instructions to his Envoy the Count *de Windishgratz*, at present residing in the Court of *France*, how further to govern himself in his Negotiation concerning the affairs of *Lorraine*.

Sedan, April 8. The Marechal de *Crequi*, Monsieur de *Louvois*, and the Duke de *Duras* are at present