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Petersburg, February 17.

**B**Y a Courier from Olonitz we have an Account of the Czar's Arrival at that Place, where he had begun to use the Medicinal Waters with Success. M. Osterman his Czarish Majesty's second Plenipotentiary for the Treaty of Aland continues here, expecting new Instructions; the general Disposition which the Court of Sweden appears to be in at present to live in Peace with all its Neighbours, giving Reason to believe that the Congress at Aland will soon be renewed. M. Stambke, Secretary to Baron Goertz, who made his Escape from thence upon the News of his Master's being seized, arrived here lately. It is said the Czar intends shortly to direct the making of a Canal from the River Wolga, by means of which a Communication will be opened between these Parts and the Caspian Sea, and that a Number of his Troops will be employed in that Work.

*Reggio, Feb. 9.* On the 7th Instant two British Men of War that were left here, took off of Taormina in Sicily, the Spanish Frigate named *La Perna Spagnola*, and brought her in here Yesterday. She is well built and a good Sailer; she came with Admiral Cammock on board her, who, as it is said, designed to go to Barcelona, and from thence to Madrid; he had the Luck to escape in his Sloop; about 150 Men were taken Prisoners. Those two Men of War have also taken an empty Pink, without a Boat or any Body on board her, and two Tartans likewise empty. The Pink they brought in hither, but kept the Tartans for their own Use. They have since been joined by two other British Men of War who had been cruising on the Coast of Sicily about Palermo, and they are at present gone to cruise together to the South of that Island.

*Venice, Feb. 25.* The Carnival being ended, most of the Strangers who came to partake of those Diversions are returning home. The Duke of Guastalla left this Place the 22d in order to return home, and intends to perform his Journey by Water up the River Po. The two Princes of Saxe-Gotha embarked the same Day for Ponte del Lago Scuro, from whence they will proceed to Rome. Another Prince of Saxony who stayed here

during the Carnival, is also shortly to go from hence to Melazzo. On the 19th Sig. Pefaro came out of the Old Lazaretto with all his Retinue, as did likewise divers Officers and other Passengers, having performed their Quarantain. The same Day two Merchant-ships arrived from the Gulph of Lepanto, but last from Istria, where they have performed their Quarantain. The Masters report among other Things, that one of our Merchant-men coming from Smyrna richly laden, foundered in the Harbour of Meleda in Dalmatia, near Ragusa, and that the greatest part of her Cargo was lost, which consisted in Allum, but that the Crew with the lighter Goods she had on board were saved. This Misfortune was occasioned by the Ship's being very old and decayed. On the 22d, two Hours after Sun-set, an extraordinary Meteor appeared over this City like a large Fire-Ball arising out of the East, which cast a bright Light almost like that of the Sun, and some time after turning Westward, divided itself into several Branches like so many Comets, which vanished at last, and as some People fancy, left a sulphureous Smell in the Air. They write from Brescia, that the Palace of the Marquis Martinengo is fitting up for the Reception of Count Colloredo, who is expected there in his Way to Milan, to take Possession of the Government of that Duchy.

*Genoa, Feb. 28.* Yesterday arrived here a Ship that came in 11 Days from Cadiz, the Master of which says, that three Spanish Men of War lay in that Port with 15 Transport Ships and some Troops ready to embark, but upon what Design was yet unknown. Various Reports are spread in these Parts concerning the Pretender; it is certain that some Persons of Distinction have been seized at Voghera, and carried Prisoners into the Castle of Milan, but their Names are kept secret.

*Paris, March 11.* Since the News of the Pretender's being seized at Voghera on the 17th past, and carried to the Castle of Milan, with the late Lords Mar and Perth, we have not received any Account of his being arrived in any other Place, which very much inclines People to give Credit to that Report; and the rather because Letters from Milan say, two of the Persons then seized and confined in the Castle of Milan, had such regard paid to them as shewed them to be Men of Distinction, but their Names were indu-