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*Berne, March 13.*

**O**N the 8th Instant our Sovereign Council of Two Hundred met to chuse their Deputies, which they resolved in a former Meeting to send to the Bishop of Porentru, to exhort him to come to an Agreement with his Subjects of the City of Bienne. Four of their Members were elected accordingly, two of which are of the Senate or Little Council, and two of the Great Council of this Republick; and they are to set out from hence soon after Easter. A Secretary has been here for some Days from the Canton of Zurich, with a Project for composing some Differences arisen lately between the Bishop of Constance and the Canton of Glaris on one Part, and that of Zurich on the other, about the Right of Collation of the Cure of Mulheim, to which they desire the Concurrence of this State, which has since communicated the said Project to those of Glaris, to be informed of their Pretensions; after which they will proceed to a Resolution in that Matter.

*Paris, March 20.* On the 11th Instant a Declaration was published which directs a Diminution of the Species: It began to take Effect in this City To-Day, and on the 1st of April is to be put in Execution in the Provinces. The Lewis d'Ors are already reduced one Eighth of the Value they went at Yesterday, and all other Gold Coins are reduced in the same Proportion. On the 1st of April they are to be reduced another Eighth of their Value; and on the 1st of May next the Use of Gold Coins is to be entirely abolished, and after the 1st of June not to be received at the Mints, but are to be confiscated wherever they are found, with all the Moveables of the Person to whom they shall belong. On the 1st of April next the Silver Species are likewise to be lowered, viz. the Crown Piece which now goes for eight Livres, to seven; on the 1st of May next to six Livres 10 Sols; on the 1st of June to six Livres; on the 1st of July to five Livres 10 Sols; and on the 1st of August all the Silver Coins, except the Livres and Pieces of less Value, are to cease to be current; however, they may be brought to the Mints till the 1st of January 1721, but after that time are to be Subject to Confiscation where-ever

they are found, and also all the Moveables of the Person to whom they shall belong. This Declaration ordains, that the Species which are therein directed to be carried to the Mints and Bank, shall not be Subject to Seizure in their Way thither. The Livres which go now for 30 Sols are likewise to be reduced in May next to 27, in June to 25, in July to 22, in August to 20, in September to 17, in October to 15, in November to 12, and in December to 10 Sols; and the half Livre Pieces in Proportion. An Ordinance has lately been published to prevent the French Vessels which Trade with the French Islands in the West-Indies taking in any Goods or Merchandize from foreign Vessels, in order to sell the same in the said Islands. This Ordinance condemns to the Gallies for Life, the Captains or Factors of Ships who shall be guilty of that Practice. An Arrêt has also been published for permitting the Importation of Tobacco from the Havana and the Levant. It lays a Duty upon it of 200 Livres the Hundred Weight of Havana Tobacco, and 72 Livres the Hundred Weight of that from the Levant, and discharges the said Tobaccos from all other Duties laid on them by former Arrêts. In order to hinder the Exportation of Corn out of the Kingdom, an Arrêt is newly published, which trebles the Duty already payable by the Exporter: At the same time to encourage the bringing of Cattle into the Kingdom, the Duty of Importation is reduced to one third.

*Hague, March 19.* Yesterday in the Afternoon the Earl of Cadogan signed with the Imperial, French, Spanish and Sardinian Ministers, the Instruments of the King of Sardinia's Admission to his Catholick Majesty's Accession to the Treaty of London. Yesterday his Excellency sent away the greatest Part of his Baggage, in order to set out himself for the Court of Berlin To-Morrow in the Afternoon, by the Way of Amsterdam. The States of the Province of Holland separated on the 16th Instant, without having done any other publick Business, than disposing of the vacant Employments.

*Dover, March 13.* The Earl Stanhope having embarked on a Packet-Boat, set Sail for Calais at 10 a-Clock last Night, with a fine Gale of Wind at S. W.