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Genova, February 3.

THe 31 past arrived here the *Scipio* from London, and the *George* from Yarmouth. Sir Edward Spragge according to our advices from thence, continues still at Port Mahon, but may now very suddainly proceed for England.

Stockholme, January 10. This day their Majesties begin their journey towards the Copper Mines; which they go to visit, great preparations being every where made to receive and entertain them, by the principal persons of quality of this Court in their passage.

The third instant arrived here the Heer van *Haren*; Ambassador Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, with a Trayn of about forty persons; amongst which are, several of the young Nobility of *Friesland*, of which Province this Ambassador originally is. The Turkish Envoy is still here, and hath desired leave to continue all this Winter, alleading the season unfit for so long a journey. Here hath lately happened a quarrel between Count *Gustave de la Gardie*, the Rycks Chancellors eldest Son, and Count *Coningsmark*, which occasioned a Duel between them, though without any farther mischief.

Antwerp, Feb. 8. Our Letters from Spain tell us, of 6000 Men more that are raised in that Kingdom, for the service of these Provinces, and that they were accordingly on their march towards *St. Sebastian*, to embark there for these parts; that the French Ambassador at that Court, had of late made several Proposals to the Queen Regent, relating to the present Conjuncture, though as is said, with no great success.

Aix, Feb. 9. In the Bishoprick of *Treves* are again arrived 6000 French, being on their march towards the Electorate of *Cologne*. The seventh instant the Duke of *Luxemburgh* passed with a Guard of 30 Horse through *Gulpe* for *Bon*, where, as is said, is suddainly to be held an extraordinary Council of War. The Bishop of *Munster* raises Men apace.

Brussels, Feb. 10. The fifth instant his Excellency the Count de *Monterey* went hence for *Mechelea*, to view the Canon that have been lately cast there, and the next day was here back again. The Deputies from the States General of the United Provinces are still here, but may depart in few days on their return to the *Hague*, where we are told, the Ratification of the Treaty concluded there by *Don Emanuel de Lyra* is arrived from *Madrid*. The Marquis del *Fresno*, designed Ambassador to His Majesty of Great Brittain from the Crown of Spain, may now in a week or ten days, begin his journey towards England.

From *Madrid* they write, that the French Ambassador there, having in the name of his most Christian Majesty, desired passage for his Forces through these Countries, her Majesty had replied, That she could by no means consent to it, without notable prejudice to her own interest. And that her

Majesty considering the great preparations of her Neighbors, had resolved to raise forthwith 30000 Men, to be employed as well for the defence of that Kingdom, as other the Spanish Territories in Italy. Here is at present much discourse again, concerning the forbidding of French Wines, &c. in which it is said, his Excellency daily expects directions from Spain.

Cologne, Feb. 12. From *Rynbergh* we are told, that Colonel *Bampfild* was well arrived with his Regiment there, having in their passage thither, not received the least disturbance at *Keysermaert*, or any other place; our Magistrates to gratifie the Officers of the said Regiment, for the time they were in Garrison here, have ordered Presents to be sent to every of them, according to their respective Commands.

We have here a Printed List of the French Forces, at present quartered in this Electorate, which by that, amount to 5160 Foot, and 3150 Horse; at *Nuis* the French are building a very strong Cittadel, which will much add to the security of that place. We are told of two Regiments that are suddainly expected in these parts from *Alsacia* and *Furstenbergh*, to consist of 3000 Men each, for the French Service.

Here is at present Prince *Willem* of *Furstenburgh*, and has often conference with the Duke of *Lorraine*, concerning his accommodation with the Crown of France, though the Duke seems not very desirous to be restored on the terms proposed by his most Christian Majesty.

Hague, Feb. 12. The Officers appointed by the States of *Holland* for the new Leavies, having taken out their Commissions, are at present about receiving their advanced Moneys, after which, they will disperse themselves with all possible diligence, to the several parts they intend to raise their Men in, they being amongst other things obliged to have the Foot ready at the place of Rendezvous in six weeks, and the Horse in eight.

The affairs of his Highness the Prince of *Orange* continue in one posture, the States of *Holland* having been this week altogether busied in nominating their new Officers, though it is not doubted, but something will suddainly be resolved on in it, upon the Temperament lately proposed by the Towns of *Holland*. Here are still in Town several Officers, whom the States have not been able to employ in these Leavies, upon promise that they shall be in the next, it being confidently said, that the Council of State hath proposed to the States General an other Leavie of 20 thousand Men.

The Prince of *Courland* besides the Regiment of Foot, is likewise to raise a Regiment of Dragoons, for the Service of this State. It is said, that the Count de *Dhona* hath concluded his agreement with the States, for the bringing 3600 Swissers into their Service.

Ditto, Feb. 16. We are told, that Monsieur van *Deverningh* hath on certain conditions, accepted the Extraordinary Embassy to His Majesty of Great Brittain, however, there seems to be as yet some uncertainty, as to the final resolution of the States in it.