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*Whitchal, March 16.*

**H**is Majesty did on the 15 instant, with the Advice of his Privy Council, issue a Declaration for the maintaining of the Church of England in its ancient Discipline and Government, as it is established, and for indulging of Nonconformists and dissenting persons, (to which the Reader is referred) in matters of Religion.

*Rome, Feb. 20.* The Marriage between Don Egidio Colonna, Duke of *Arizicali*, and the Neice of the Cardinal *Altieri*, is at length concluded, to the great satisfaction of the Cardinal *Patron*, who had insisted it; the publick Ceremonies of which will not be performed till about the middle of the next Month. As yet we have not any Advice from *France*, which may encourage us to send a Nuncio thither, though in the mean time the Duke of *Essex*, who is coming hither Extraordinary Ambassador from his most Christian Majesty, is *Panted* from *Marseilles* and may accordingly be suddenly expected to arrive at *Civita Vecchia*; it is variously reported, what reception he may meet with here, though after all it is thought, seeing the Bishop of *Exon* hath declared, that he hath instructed only to assist at things touching that matter, he will be received with the Character of Ambassador.

The Venetian Ambassador here having at length by reason of his indisposition obtained leave to return home, he is accordingly preparing for it.

The Marquis d' *Afforgo* is as we hear arrived at *Naples*, having been every where in his passage through the Ecclesiastical Countreys received by order from his Holiness with all possible respect, and in many places very nobly entertained. We are told of Orders that have been sent to our Nuncio at *Vienne*, so intimate at that Court that his Holiness could not but expect the Emperor should send a splendid Embassy to him, as hath been always practised once at least in every Popes Reigne.

*Warsaw, Feb. 27.* The alarms our Letters from all hands daily bring us of the great preparations the Grand Signior is making for the War, which we should he intends to declare against this Crown, seems to contribute not a little, even to the good of this Kingdom, in that the Diet which was already involved in a sad confusion, by reason of the many Factions and Animosties amongst the Members of it, being by the approaching danger more powerfully convinced, than by any other Arguments, that the good and security of the Kingdom depends upon the happy conclusion of this Session, hath unanimously resolved, that all private differences shall be wholly laid aside, and nothing debated but what concerns the publick good. We are told of Propositions that have been made by some of the Deputies, for the raising forth with two Regiments of Dragoons, and twelve thousand Foot, but nothing has as yet been done in it.

Some days since arrived here several Deputies from the Army, who had Audience of the King

and afterwards of the Dyet, representing the great necessities they were reduced to through the scarcity of Provisions, and their want of Pay, and that without a speedy relief, it would be impossible for them any longer to subsist; to which, they received for answer, that all possible care should be taken, for their speedy satisfaction, which they doubted not, but would be very effectually done, before the conclusion of this Dyet.

Here is lately arrived an Envoy from the late King *Casimir*; no solicite, as is said, the payment of the yearly settlement made him for his resigning this Crown, to which purpose, he hath since given in a Memorial to the Dyet, together with a Letter to them from the said King, with which, they at first Reading seemed much dissatisfied, in that he had stiled himself in it, King of *Poland*, and Great Duke of *Lithania*, but were afterwards somewhat pacified at the persuasions of their Marshal, who desired them to remember, he had been their King; The several Troops, which as hath been said, had Confederated in the *Ukraine*, as they pretended, for want of their Attendants, have upon second and better thoughts, desisted from such undue proceedings, and submitted themselves again to their principal Officers.

*Hambrough, March 7.* Several Dutch Officers are very busie in these parts, for raising of Men, some of them having almost compleated their Companies; the Swedes have forbid all Officers to raise any Men within the Dutchies of *Bremen* or *Pomerania*, for what Service soever, under very severe penalties.

From *Stockholme* they write, that since the return of their Majesties thither, the Heer *van Harren*, Ambassador from the States General of the United Provinces, had had his publick Audience of their Majesties.

*Brussels, March 22.* On Saturday last his Excellency the Count de *Monterey* went to *Louvain*, to visit the Fortifications there; the same day the Magistrates had summoned a Meeting of the Commonalty of this place, (which they call here the *Nine Nations*) in order to the giving their consent for the raising 300000 Florins more, by such ways as his Excellency, together with the principal Magistrates should think fit, which the Nations would by no means consent to; whereupon, some sharp words passing between them, the Commonalty was so much incensed, that they declared they would not leave the *Stadt House*, where they were Assembled, till they were better satisfied in this matter, and accordingly continued there all that day and night, and all Sunday, Multitudes of People in the mean time crowding the Streets, exclaiming against the Magistrates, and had already assaulted the House of one of the Burgermasters, and would certainly have pulled it down to the ground, had they not been prevented by the Soldiers, whom he had sent for to Guard his House; in the mean time his Excellency returning home, and being informed of what had passed, sent a kind Message to the Nations that were yet Assembled, upon which they all quietly departed hence, and so this disorder ceased. We