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Stockholme, Feb. 24.

THe 19 instant Monsieur Mandeslo, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Henouery, after having passed some time in this Court, departed hence on his way home. The same day the Heer van Haren, Ambassador Extraordinary from the States General of the United Provinces, had his first conference with the Senators, appointed by this Regency to Treat with him; the particulars of what the Ambassador then proposed, as yet we have not, though it is said, that his Excellency very much pressed to have a speedy and final answer.

The 22 Monsieur Courtin, Ambassador Extraordinary from his most Christian Majesty, was conducted in their Majesties Coaches, followed with several other Coaches of the principal Ministers of this Court, by two Senators *Gustavus Sparre*, and *Nicholas Fleming*, to his Audience of the King, and afterwards of the Queen Regent, by whom he was received with great kindness and respect.

The 23 their Majesties returned with the Court to *Jacobs Dale*, with intentions to continue there some days onely, and to be here again about the beginning of the next week. The Velt Heer *Wrangel*, hath been of late indisposed, but is at present pretty well recovered, and may be here in Town some time this week.

Madrid, March 2. On the 18 past was put to death in the *Plaza Mayor*, *Don Jayme de Castel Blanca*, a Nobleman, having after 12 months imprisonment here been sentenced thereunto by the Royal Council, for many enormous crimes committed by him for the space of 40 years together, in defiance of Justice and to the great disturbance of those parts, which he infested, he having associated to himself several accomplices, with whose assistance he was become so powerful, that he forced several Towns to pay him Tribute without daring to make the least resistance.

Some days since arrived here an Envoy from the Elector of *Cologne*, being a Canon of *Liege*, and hath since had Audience of their Majesties, though what his errand may be is not as yet certainly said.

Here is lately dead in Town *Don Francisco Filisaga*, one of the Royal Council, a person who for his great abilities is much regretted at this Court. From *Cadix* they write that the Galeons were still detained there by contrary winds, that several Merchandizes to a considerable value had been seized, because ships without having been first according to the usual Custom, Registered at the Custom-house there. We suddenly expect here *Don Pedro d' Aragon* from *Naples*.

Rome, March 5. Here are Letters arrived from the Marquis *d' Astorgas*, Vice Roy of *Naples*, in which his Excellency expresses an extraordinary dissatisfaction, for that Father *Nithard*, Archbishop of *Edessa*, had not a Cap at the late Promotion according to the promise made that Vice-Roy, as he pretends, at his being here; the Spanish Cardinals have since had several conferences concerning this matter, which they seem likewise very much to re-

sent, and have dispatched an Extraordinary Courier to the Court of *Madrid* to give her Majesty an account of what hath passed herein. Signior *Morsini* Ambassador at this Court from the Republick of *Venice*, being on his return home, we are told that that Senate hath made choice of Signior *Pietro Mocenigo*, late Ambassador from that State in *England*, to succeed him in that Quality here.

Great preparations are making at *Civita Vecchia*, for the Reception of the Duke *d' Este*, Ambassador from the Crown of *France*, whose arrival here, seems the more desired, for that we are assured he hath instructions to adjust the matter concerning the reception of our Nuncio at the Court of *France*.

Venice, March 11. We have advice here, that an *Algerine* of 36 Guns and 400 Men, having after she had suffered much damage in bad weather, been forced to take shelter under a small Island, called *Parau*, lying between *Corfu* and *Cefalonia*, to repair her Masts and Sailes, and to refit for Sea, Proveditor General *Valliere* had had notice thereof, who immediately sent several Gallies to attack her, which they did, as she lay at Anchor in a great Calme, and after some houres resistance, sunk or burnt her, most of the Men that were on board perishing with the Ship.

The Dukes of *Brunswick* parted hence last Monday, Prince *John Frederick* towards *Hanover*, and Prince *Ernestus* towards *Heydlebergh*. This Senate seems extremely satisfied with the promotion of the Father *Gravina Orfino* to be Cardinal, which they look upon to have chiefly been at the instance of this Republick, for whom they express so particular an esteem, that they have likewise received him into the Body of their Nobility; it is said, that the said Father *Gravina*, hath refused this new Dignity, as desiring rather to pass a private Religious Life, in the order of *St. Dominic*, of which he now is, then to return to Court, from whence he about five years since, in the 22 year of his age, retired to this Religious Life.

From the Port they write, that they now very suddenly expect to see, whether the Grand Signiors designs may tend, it being the opinion of many persons, that the pretence of a War against *Poland*, is but to amuse some other Countries the Grand Signior intends to attacke, and perhaps with more ease then he could expect to do *Poland*, where he will doubtless find the Nobility united and ready to oppose any Foreign Enemy.

Liege, March 18. We have advice of two Deputies that are on their way hither from *Brussels*, and that their Errand is to endeavor to persuade the Chapter here, to persist in their resolutions of remaining Neuter, in the present Coniuncture; It is said, the States of this Country are suddenly to be assembled here, when we may expect to see what will be done in this matter, In the mean time the French Troops pass daily through these Countries, on their march towards *Cologne*; great quantities of Corne are bought up in all these parts, for the use of the French Forces.

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