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Whitehal, April 16.

This day the two Houses of Parliament met at Westminster according to their Prorogation of the 22 of April; 1671. and then farther prorogued in pursuance of his Majesties Proclamation of the 22 of September last, till the 30 of October next.

Ditto 17. On Saturday the 13 instant, his Excellency the Marquis *des Fresnes*, Ambassador Extraordinary from his Catholick Majesty, made his publick Entry here, having been at *Greenwich* received and Complimented by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Alesbury*, and Sir *Charles Cotterel*, Master of the Ceremonies, and brought thence in his Majesties Barges to *Tower-hill*, where being Landed, he was saluted with the Great Guns, and conducted in His Majesties Coach through the City, being besides his own Coaches and Train, which were very Rich and Noble, attended by a great number of Coaches with six Horses apiece, to the Lady *Williams* House, in *Westminster*, where his Excellency was again Complimented in His Majesties name, by the Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Clifford*, Treasurer of His Majesties Household; in Her Majesties name, by Sir *William Killgrew* Her Majesties Vice-Chamberlain; and on the part of his Royal Highness, by the Marquis of *Blanquefort*; His Excellency having for three days together, been Honourably entertained there upon His Majesties account; yesterday the 16 instant had his publick Audience of their Majesties in the Banqueting House, with the usual Ceremonies, having been conducted from the said Lady *Williams* House by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sandwich*, and Sir *Charles Cotterel* in His Majesties Coach, attended with a great Train of other Coaches, with six Horses apiece; after which his Excellency had likewise Audience of his Royal Highness in his own Apartment.

This day His Majesty was pleased to admit the Right Honourable *Henry* Marquis of *Worcester*, Lord President of the Council of *Wales*; *Arthur* Earl of *Essex*, whom His Majesty declared he was sending into *Ireland*, as Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom; *Thomas* Viscount *Falconberg*, Captain of His Majesties Band of Pensioners, and *George* Viscount *Hallifax*, of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, who having severally had the usual Oaths administered to them, took their places at the Board accordingly.

Naples, March 28. Our Vice-Roy the Marquis *d'Astorga*, omits no endeavors for the good settling of this Kingdom, and amongst them his chiefest are, for the furnishing us with such quantities of Corne from abroad, as may sufficiently relieve us in the great want we are in of this Provision throughout this whole Kingdom, to which end he hath employed several persons in all parts abroad, to buy up what quantities they can, and to transport them hither, either by Sea or Land, as they should find most convenient, of which we have already in some measure received the effect; several Vessels being lately arrived here from *Leghorn* and

Genova, laden with Corne, which by our Vice-Roy's order, had been brought up there, so that it is hoped, we may now in a short time have such considerable supplies, as may finally redeem us from the misery which through want of them hath so long afflicted us.

The Banditti continue to do very much mischief in this Kingdom, to the great disturbance of all passengers and others, they having it seems not been able to have been wrought upon, by the mild proceedings of our Vice-Roy, who at his first arrival here, had published a Declaration, That all such as should render themselves into the hands of Justice, by a time limited, should have their pardons, whatever their former offences had been; in the mean time frequent complaints being brought to his Excellency, of the many violences committed by the Banditti, in many parts of this Kingdom, his Excellency hath extraordinarily summoned the Council thereof, in order to the finding out some effectual means for the speedy reducing them, who seem with so much security, to disturb the peace of these Countries.

We are told of orders his Excellency has received from the Court at *Madrid*, for the raising of several Regiments of Foot, to be employed as is said, for the security of *Milan*, and the *Spanish Netherlands*, though as yet we hear nor of any Commissions that have been given out to that purpose.

Vienna, April 6. This Court having been frequently alarmed with the news of the great preparations of the Grand Signior, which however pretended to be only designed against *Poland*, for the protecting the *Cossacks* in the *Ukraine*, who as pretended by the Turks, are become by their voluntary submission, Subjects to the Grand Signior, yet we very much fear, these great Armies when once a foot, may easily be provoked to fall into *Hungary*, especially if they see those Countries not in a condition to make any considerable defence; upon which his Imperial Majesty hath ordered most of his Fortes that way, having at the same time sent orders to all his chief Governours in those parts, to be vigilant for the security of the places entrusted to their respective Command, and to take care that things are every where put into a good posture of defence; in the mean time there hath been sent from hence an Envoy to the Port, to represent to those Ministers the just cause of jealousy his Imperial Majesty has of these great preparations, and to know how far he may be secure, that they are not intended against the Empire; The return of which Envoy we the more impatiently expect, because we already hear, that the Turks are marching near the *Danube*, and that they have appeared in very considerable Bodies on our Frontiers; Our advices from all hands assure us, that the Grand Signior will have 40000 Horse and 80000 Foot in the Field this Summer, and that the Hungarian Rebels continue to make all possible application to the Grand Visier, for protection as they give out against the oppressions they meet at home, which they seem to have no way left to free themselves from, but by endeavoring to bring