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**T**He Queen having been of late somewhat indisposed, their Majesties have been to pass some time at *Bialan*, hoping the change of Air might conduce to the restoring her health, from whence they yesterday returned again, her Majesty being to the great satisfaction of this Court perfectly recovered of her illness. We have at present the confirmation of the news we some time since had of the Tartars having made an incursion into *Pol-hynia* in *February* last, with these farther particulars; That they were in all 6000 Men, under the Command of *Muradin Sultan*, but divided into three several Bodies; That they had done much mischief to the Inhabitants, great numbers of which they were with their plunder carrying away, when they were overtaken by a party of Poles, who fell upon them with such success, as to retake the Polish Prisoners, and destroy many of the Tartars, who were forced to retire in great confusion. *Drosenko* hath, as we are told, lately written several Letters to the Grand Marshal, in which he desires his Mediation for the composing of matters between this Crown and him, protesting that he is ready to serve the King with all his Forces against any Enemy whatsoever, provided they may be declared a Free People, and restored to the enjoyment of their antient Privileges, but this being a matter which hath been long on foot, without being able to be brought as yet to any conclusion; we seem to have no great reliance upon the friendship and assistance of those Cossacks, especially seeing it is promised upon terms, which will hardly be ever granted; for that they desire to have their Bishops have place in our Senate, and that they may have power to send their Deputies to the Dyet, &c. are of that importance to this Kingdom, as it is thought, will not be easily granted.

The several Companies which lately confederated in the *Ukraine*, are again returned to the Army, all things having been composed by the care of the General *Sobierski*; In the mean time we begin to be less apprehensive of the Turks then formerly, and endeavor to persuade our selves, that they have no intention to disturb us this Summer, and though the little provision that hath been made for the defence of this Kingdom against an invasion, do indeed discover, that we apprehend very little danger, yet many fears, that we may be too late undeceived, and that the weak condition we are in, may give the Grand Signior occasion, though he had not before formed any design against us, and that what had been hitherto given out, had been only a pretence of attempting the reducing the *Ukraine*.

*Vienna, April 13.* At *Presburgh* all the Magistrates and other chief Officers are to be changed, they of the Reformed Religion being to be put out, and Roman Catholics appointed in their room, and that this may be the better done, without hazarding the peace of the place, several Forces have been sent thither, to assist in the execution of these orders. The 19 instant happened here a Fire, which

did much mischief, above 20 Houses having been burnt down to the ground.

From *Hungary* they continually ailarme us with news of the approach of the Turks, who begin to march in great Bodies near the Frontiers, and though we cannot as yet hear that they have committed any Hostilities, more then what hath sometimes happened in time of peace, yet we seem to suspect their intentions, by reason of the kind reception they give to the Hungarian Rebels, who we are told, are in great esteem with the Grand Visier, and are admitted to advice in many weighty matters. The Envoy which the Emperor sent some time since to the Port, is not yet returned.

*Rome, April 16.* On Monday last the Duke d'Estrees, Ambassador Extraordinary, from the Crown of *France*, had his publick Audience of his Holiness, whether he was conducted with great solemnity, having been accompanied with above 250 Coaches, of the Cardinals, Foreign Ministers, and other the chiefest persons of Quality at this Court. His Excellency was as we are told, received by his Holiness with great expressions of kindness, and promise that he would very suddenly declare the Bishop of *Laon* Cardinal, according to the promotion he had already made in *Petto*: it is not doubted but that Father *Nithard*, Archbishop of *Edessa*, is the other of that promotion, and will be at the same time likewise declared, so that these two Crowns may receive very speedily satisfaction in their pretences as to this matter.

On Thursday last the Cardinal Patron entertained the most eminent persons of this Court at a very splendid and extraordinary dinner, according to the constant practice of that day. Signior *Morosini*, Ambassador from the Republick of *Venice*, is parted hence on his return home, and it is said that Signior *Pietro Mocenigo* his successor, may be here in a week or two, most of his Train and Baggage being already on their way hither.

*Florence, April 16.* We suddenly expect here an Envoy from his most Christian Majesty, who we are told has already left *Paris*. At *Leghorne* are several Vessels, lading Corn for *Naples* and *Palermo*, in which Countreys, notwithstanding all the endeavors that have been used to the contrary, they still continue in great want of this Provision.

The Corsairs of *Sally* have several little men of War abroad, and doe much mischief to our Trade. They of *Argiers* have most of their men of War at present out, and some new ships ready to put to sea.

*Francfort, April 16.* Several Companies of Foot in the service of the Duke of *Newburgh* have lately passed by this place, being as is said, intended for the reinforcing that Princes Garrisons on the *Rhynes*, it is reported here, that the Forces of the Empire may be suddenly brought on foot, and drawn together into an Army to be ready on all occasions, for our security, though most are of opinion, that seeing the peace of the Empire seems not in the least danger of being disturbed this Summer, except it be by the Ottoman Forces, that we shall not make such haste, to put our selves to so unnecessary charge and trouble

trouble, till we see better ground for our fears, then the suggestions and reports of those whose interest it is to engage us in their quarrel.

*Hamborough, April 25.* We being here in continual expectation of the arrival of 2500 men raised in the Imperial Territories, for the service of the Spanish Netherlands; we have already hired several Vessels here, in Order to their transportation for those Countreys. The States of Lower Saxony are at present Assembled at *Brunswick*, where there are likewise Envoyes from the Electors of Saxony and of *Brandenburgh*, and some other Princes of the Empire; we hear not as yet of any thing of moment that hath been concluded in this Assembly, though great endeavors are used to make false impressions in the mindes of those Deputies, in several matters relating to the present conjuncture.

The King of *Denmark*s coming into these parts has in some measure renewed our fears of some designe he may have upon this place, though it is hoped that it is from our fears onely that these apprehensions proceed, and not from any just ground we have to suspect that Kings intentions towards us, he having on all occasions very readily assured us of his kindness and care for the good of this place.

*Ostend, April 29.* Last week was acted, a strange piece of inhumanity, upon an English man at *Middleburgh*: one Mr *Cowel*, an eminent Planter of *Surinam*, arriving in *Zealand* some moneths before the last Rupture, being last week ready to sail back for *Surinam*, in a Ship from *Middleburgh*, whereof he was part Owner, and had a considerable Cargo in her, the Magistrates clapt him up, and kept him in Prison till the Ship was sailed, without his Letters or his servant; and a few days after, without any other reason discharged him, conditionally that he gave Bond to forfeit all his Estate, if ever he departed out of the Seven Provinces.

*Brassels, April 29.* This day arrived here *Monseur van Beurtingen*, one of the States Deputies, in the room of the *Heer de Wis*, who lately went hence for *Holland*, in order to his serving as Plenipotentiary on their Fleet this Summer; he hath since had Audience, and several private conferences with the Count de *Montery*, concerning the present affairs. We have for some days had a report here, that 12000 men of the Imperial Forces were coming down to be quartered in the Dutchy of *Fuliers*, but at present we hear that the Emperors has countermanded his former Orders, and called those Troops back to be employed for the security of *Hungary*, which as they tell us, seems to be more and more threatened by the Turks.

From *Maestricht* they write, that a party of 150 Horse having been out on the 25 instant, met some French Waggones about a League from *Limburgh* in the Spanish Territories, which they had seized and brought in there; they farther say, that another party had been some days before out, and beaten up a French Quarter, where there lay a Troop of Horse, though with what advantage to either side, is not certainly said. The States have as we are told by their Deputies here, desired back those Forces they lately sent hither, as pretending that they have more need of them for their own security, which cannot but allarme the people here, who are somewhat concerned to see them goe about so soon to withdraw these Succors, which we understood should have been onely employed for the defence of these Countreys.

The Prince of *Vaudemont* is gone to *Kuremond* to see his Regiment of Foot, which is now said to be wholly compleat. We have advice of 400 Spaniards that are within few days arrived at *Ostend*.

By the Spanish Ordinary arrived last night, we have an account of great disorders that have happened amongst the people in *Sardinia*, and that the Queen Regent had sent away the Prince of *Montefiarchio* towards those parts, to endeavor to compose those troubles.

His most Christian Majesty will certainly be the 2 or 3 of the next month at *Charleroy*, and in the mean time the several Forces draw together there, where there is already a very considerable Army.

*Bruges, April 30.* All our Letters from *Holland* tell us, that the distraction amongst those people is very great, and that the States are forced to make use of extraordinary ways for the furnishing their Garrisons with Men. They have ordered that every tenth man shall be sent out of all the Villages, who is to be chosen by casting of Lots; That the common people begin already to seem unable to bear these great burthens, and have in several places mutined, as at *Bergen op Zoom*, *Breda*, &c. chiefly because the States had ordered a Placaet to be Published, for the obliging all people to bring in their Plate to be Coyned, for the publick Service, who it is said, have thereupon, finding what disorder it was likely to occasion, suppressed it, or at least deferred it for some time.

Since the former advice, we have Letters from *Holland* which tell us, that the States not contented with the tenth Married Man, have ordered that every fifth Young Man, shall be sent out towards the Frontiers as aforesaid; and that all the Pasture Lands in the Mayory of the *Bosch*, and in the Marquisate of *Bergen op Zoom*, and in other the Frontier parts, shall be immediately ploughed up, which causes great disorders amongst the Country people.

*Paris, May 4.* Here hath been some days since published an Ordonnance of the King, in which his Majesty declares, that seeing he hath been obliged for the good of his Kingdoms and People, to make War against the States General of the United Provinces, and that he hath resolved to Command his Armies in person; he hath appointed the Queen to be Regent, and to govern and order all things during his absence. The King before his departure from *St. Germain*, had bestowed the place of President of the Parliament of *Metz*, on the *Sieur Rauot*, formerly Advocate General of the Court of *Ayds*; his Majesty hath as we are told, given the *Sieur de Bissy* the Command of 4000 Men, as well Horse as Foot, to be employed on the Frontiers of the *Franche Comte*.

The *Abbé Cataloni*, who lately arrived here from *Rome*, is returned hither again, the King having, when he had his last Audience, told him, that he expected to hear very suddainly, of the *Bishop of Laon*s being declared Cardinal.

From *Rochel* they write, that there was arrived two Ambassadors from a certain Prince on the Coast of *Guinea* near the Mine, who come to offer their Masters Friendship, and to settle a Trade with this Crown. From *Charleroy* they write, that the several Troops arrive daily there, in order to the composing the Army the King will Command in person; That they expected his Majesty there in few days, and it was thought, his stay would not be long there, but that he will immediately march with his Forces towards *Liege*. From *Flanders* we have advice, of some Rencountre that hath lately happened between a party of Horse of the Garrison of *Maestricht*, and a small party of ours, who having had a small skirmish, the former returned again to their Garrison. At *Nuis* our Fortifications are said to be almost finished.