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Whitchell, May 7.

BY Letters from *Dover* we have advice, that the Dutch Fleet, about 80 sail, small and great were riding yesterday evening in that Road with a very hard wind at NNE. where it is thought they will not continue long when once the wind comes westerly.

Ditto, May 8. Yesterday in the evening His Majesty attended by several principal persons of His Court, returned hither from *Portsmouth*, as Her Majesty did that morning early from *Dover*.

Lisbonne, April 11. The sixth instant the *Comde d'Humanez*, Ambassador from the Crown of *Spain*, made his publick Entry here, and the same day had Audience of the Prince Regent, in which Ceremony there happened it seems some mistakes, which a little distressed the Prince, though the matter hath been since wholly accommodated. The same day arriv'd here the *Sieur d'Aubeville*, Envoy Extraordinary from his most Christian Majesty, and had his Audience yesterday in the Morning, notwithstanding it was Palm Sunday, which makes us think, that he has some propositions to make on the part of that Crown, of no small concern to us; it is not known how long he may continue here, the general opinion being, that his stay will be according to the success he may meet with in his Negotiation at this Court. The Dutch Fleet of Merchant Men are still at *Setubal*, about 70 Sail, and as is said, are ordered by the Dutch Resident to remain there, till some men of War shall arrive for their Convoy home. The Corsairs of *Sally* have several small men of War abroad, and do much mischief to our Trade.

Naples, April 19 Here now daily arrive vessels laden with Corn from *Leghorne*, and several other parts abroad, which had been bought up there by order of our Viceroy the *Marquis d'Asorgas*; though in the mean time we have advice from *Messina*, that those Inhabitants are in as great want as ever of this Provision, the reason of which they attribute to the want of care in their Magistrates, which made them lately mutiny, and in that disorder, offer violence to some of the principal persons of that place, and pull their Houses down to the ground.

His Excellency having given out Commissions for the raising of two Regiments of Foot, the Levies are accordingly making with all the diligence possible. They writing from *Milza*, for whose Service these Men are as is said, intended, of the great want they have of these Recruits, for the reinforcing their several Garrisons. On Saturday last arriv'd here from *Rome* the *Prince Savelli*, accompanied with several persons of quality; By whom we are told, that his Holiness had been lately extrem ill, in so much, that he had been forced to defer giving Audience to the French Extraordinary Ambassador, for eight or ten days, he having been all that time detained in his Bed, not without much danger.

It is said here that his Holiness to satisfy the pretences of the Crowns of *France* and of *Spain*, hath assured as well the French Ambassador as the Spanish Cardinals, that the Bishop of *Laon* and the Archbishop of *Edessa* are the two Cardinals reserved in *Petto*, and that he will very suddenly declare them.

Madrid, April 27. Their Majesties have for some days past, been a little indisposed, which had hindered the Court from removing to the *Buen Retiro*, as they designed to have done on Sunday last; but will now first expect their Majesties perfect recovery, who begin to be pretty well again. The Prince of *Montesarchio* is lately gone hence by direction of the Queen Regent for *Cadix*, in order to the taking an account of some Ships that are sitting out there. On Monday last arrived here an Express with Letters from the Count *de Monterey*, Governor of the Spanish Netherlands; upon which here was immediately an Extraordinary Council held, though the particulars of what this Express brought, as yet we know not. Her Majesty hath lately conferred on *Don Carlos Briseno*, (a person of much worth, and who had served this Crown for several years in *Flanders*) the Title of *Marquis de villa Nueva de las Torres*, as well in consideration of his own Services, as in favor of the Marriage he hath lately contracted with *Dona Maria Renquillo*, Maid of Honor to the Queen. The Envoy from the Elector of *Cologne*, having concluded his Negotiation with far greater satisfaction, than had been by some here expected, hath desired his dispatch, which is promised him in three or four days, so that he may be going hence on his return home, about the later end of the next week.

The Ambassadors at present residing here from the Emperor and the Republick of *Venice*, doe both daily expect leave to be recalled from this Court; The former having had some considerable employment lately bestowed upon him by the Emperor, which makes him the more desire to be at home in order to the taking possession of it. On Sunday last went hence towards *Parth*, *Don Balthazar de Euen Mayor*, in Quality of Envoy Extraordinary, to condole with their most Christian Majesties, concerning the death of little Madam of *France*. *Don Pedro d'Arragon* late Viceroy of *Naples*, is not as yet arriv'd at this Court, though daily expected. From *Alicant* of the 11 of this month they write, that there were then in that Port four great Dutch Merchant men, bound for *Holland*, but intended because of the war to take their course round by *Scotland*. The Duke *de Escvordia* goes hence about the beginning of the next month for *Cadix*, in order to his embarkation on the Flota for *New Spain*, where he is to succeed in the Government of those Countreys; the *Marquis de Mancera*: We are told that Orders have been sent hence to the *Marquis d'Asorgas* Viceroy of *Naples*, to raise several Regiments of Infantriy in that Kingdom, to be employed in *Milan*, as well as for the security of the Spanish Netherlands.

Venice April 29. Here are at present two Dutch Ships

Ships in Port, the *Royal Defence* of 500 Tun and 40 Guns, and the other the *Peace* of 48 Guns, this latter is lading Rice and Brimstone for *Smirna* and *Scanderone*. The Senate hath lately made choice of Signior *Zani*, to go their Ambassador to the Crown of *Spain*, and he we are told, intends very suddainly to set forward on his journey thither. About the beginning of the next week, Signior *Pietro Mocenigo*, will certainly part hence on his Embally to *Rome*. The Islands in the Archipelago as likewise *Zans*, *Corfu*, and *Ceffalonia*, continue in very great want of Corne, insomuch, that the people there begin to be reduced to much misery. From *Rome* they tell us, that his Holiness was again pretty well, since his late illness, to the great satisfaction of his relations, who cannot hear of his indisposition, without a sensible trouble, especially seeing their concern in his health is so great: They farther tell us, that his Holiness had appointed a publick Consistory to be held the first of the next Month, when he will, as is said, declare the promotion, long since made in *Petto*, of the Bishop of *Laon*, and the Archbishop of *Edessa*; That Signior *Nerli* is preparing in order to his journey to *France*, he being appointed by His Holiness to reside as his Nuncio at that Court. All our advices from the Port speak, of the great preparations that are there making; and of the particular care the Grand Visier takes for the carrying on the War, which it is feared, may break out this Summer; The report of attacking *Poland*, decreases daily, the Cossacks in the *Ukraine* being, it is said, not so ready to submit themselves to the Port, as was at first thought, but that the Grand Signior had made offers of an accommodation to that Crown, which it is not doubted, but they will readily accept of, especially considering the present posture of their affairs, so that the general conclusion seems to be, that these Forces are intended against *Hungary*.

Vienna, May 1. To morrow their Imperial Majesties part hence for *Laxemburgh*, where they intend to spend most of this Summer; all possible diligence is used for the carrying on our new Levies, and the rather, since every day brings us some account of the nearer approach of the Turkish Forces; From *Belgrade* they write, that there were arrived 30000 Turks, and that more Forces were daily expected there, so that here is not at present the least discourse of sending any Troops towards the *Rhyn*, those that were intended that way, being now ordered to march forth with towards *Hungary*. The Forces of *Moravia* and *Silesia* are likewise on their march for the defence and security of that Kingdom; it is said that the Envoy which is at present here from the Crown of *Sweden*, hath assured the Emperor, that the King his Master is ready to enter into a Treaty with his Imperial Majesty concerning their assisting joyntly the Crown of *Poland*, in case it may be attacked by the Turks. Count *Shafgorz* is appointed to go Ambassador to the said Crown, to be present at the General Dyet, which is to be held there about the middle of the next month; he is likewise, as is said, to carry with him the remainder of the Queens portion that is yet unpaid.

Hambrough, May 3. The King of *Denmark* having been several days at *Gluckstadt* is departed hence for *Rensbourg*, where it is thought he will not continue any time, but proceed on his return to *Copenhagen*. The Troops which have been raised in the Imperial Territories for the service of the *Spanish Netherlands* are arrived here, and accordingly embarked in order to their transportation to those Countreys. From

Westphalia we have advice, that the Forces of the Bishop of *Munster* are on their march in a Body, towards the Frontiers of *Holland*; our Merchants in the mean time are endeavouring to withdraw their effects out of those Provinces, at a time when the Inhabitants thereof are deprived of all Trade, and seem onely to converse with the continual fears and apprehensions of the approach of their enemies. Our Letters from *Poland* tell us, that the Factions are still very great in that Kingdom, to the great hindrance of all resolutions for the publick good; that the Emperor had offered them seven Regiments of foot for their assistance against the Turks.

Cologne, May 6. Here is lately arrived Prince *William of Furstenbergh* from the Elector of *Bavaria's* Court at *Munich*, where it is said, he hath successfully concluded his Negotiation, that Elector having promised to assist our Elector with a considerable force, in case the *Hollanders*, not content with the Neutrality his Electoral Highness hath declared he will preserve in the present Conjunction, shall attack any of his Territories, or disturb the peace of his Countries. We are now in daily expectation to see the Prince of *Conde* arrive with his Armies in these parts, we being certainly informed that those Forces are already on their march.

Paris, May 12. From *Charleroy* of the sixth instant they write, that the King arrived there the day before; That his Majesty had ordered a Body of 20000 Men, Commanded by the Marshal *Turenne*, to march the Saturday after towards *Liege*, his Majesty intending himself to follow the day after, with the Gros of the Army; From *Sedan* they tell us, that the Prince of *Conde* intended to part thence with his Army the 14 instant; and that he had in the mean time distributed the Cavalry into several quarters, that they might continue there more at ease, till the said time appointed for their march.

Brussels, May 13. We have advice here that on Saturday last Monsieur *Louvoy* marched from the French Camp with a flying Body of 5000 Horse and Dragoons, towards the *Meuse* for the security of some Vessels that passed towards *Liege* laden with Ammunition and other Provisions for the Army; that on Tuesday Marshal *Turenne* likewise marche with 20000 Horse and foot towards *Liege*, that the next day his most Christian Majesty followed with the Body of the Army, and that this night he is to encamp about *Tongres*, three Leagues and a halfe from *Maeftrecht*. Yesterday returned hither General *Stourda* from the French Camp, whither he was sent by his Excellency to Compliment the King upon his arrival into these parts, by whom he was very kindly received, and dismissed with a Present to the value of 1000 l.

Antwerp, May 13. From *Hilffing* we have advice, that their men of War were gone out, though that none of them had their full numbers of Men, the Admiral *Banckaert* wanting above a hundred of his compliment; That the States of that Province had resolved, that all the Inhabitants should bring in their Plate and Gold, to be Coynd as hath been said, for the publick Service, for the doing of which, they that are now at home, are to have 14 days allowed them, and those that may happen to be abroad a Month, the States at the same time promising to give them two per Cent. till such time as the Principal shall be repaid, which it must be long ere they can expect, and in the mean time may fear, that considering the present Conjunction, the Interest will not be very punctually paid them.