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Ostend, May 17.

A Vessel arrived here this Morning, the Master tells us, That he passed through the Dutch Fleet yesterday in the Evening, That they then lay at Ankor at *Schoonevelt*, upon the Coast of *Zeland*, being in all about 45 men of War, That he was on board some of them, and found them very weakly Manned.

Rome, April 22. On Monday last was held a Consistory, where his Holiness was likewise present, we had expected there would have been made a promotion of Cardinals, but all that was done, was the confirmation of Cardinal *Alzieri* Legat of *Urbino*, Cardinal *Boncompagni* Legat of *Bologna*, and the Cardinal *Chigi* Legat of *Ferrara*, however it is thought, the said Promotion will not be deferred much longer, because of the great decay of strength in his Holiness, who hath lately been troubled with several fits of the Gout, and much weakened by it. We continue to discourse of the Marriage between *Don Frederico Sforza*, and *Dona Livia Cesarini*, though there be some of great Authority that cease not still to oppose it. On Thursday last was performed the Ceremony of investing the Prince *Savelli*, and the Prince *Palesina*, with the Order of the *Golden Fleecce*. Signior *Rocci* is to be made Vice-Lgat of *Urbino*. The Minister residing here on the part of the Crown of *Poland*, hath lately acquainted his Holiness, that the affairs of that Kingdom are at present in a better condition, then they have been for these several years past, by reason of the accommodation of all their differences at home; yet notwithstanding that their Militia cannot be so soon in a posture to defend them against the great force of the Turks, which threatens them with an Invasion this Summer, unless they receive assistance from other Christian Princes their neighbors, and therefore address themselves particularly to his Holiness for his; who, we are told, hath declared to the said Envoy, that he will contribute all he can towards their defence and preservation.

Venice, April 29. We have here but little news, save what we received by several Vessels arrived from *Constantinople*, by whom we learn, that the Grand Signior continues still at *Adrianoople*, whilst the Grand Vizier omits no care or diligence for carrying on the preparations of War, which are said to be very great all over that Empire; that the discourse generally is of a War with *Poland*, because of that Crowns refusing to pay the Tribute, they are obliged by the late Treaty, to do annually. The Christian Gallies are still very busy in the *Archipelago*, and now play every where the Masters; the Turks not having any force at Sea, that we can hear of. Our Duke, notwithstanding his great age continues in perfect health.

Genova, May 3. This States Convoy is now ready to depart with 5 or 6 considerable Merchant Men for *Cadix*. This Senate hath resolved to send an Envoy to the most Christian King, to return his Majesty their thanks for his effectual Mediation in the reestablishing of Peace between them and the Duke of *Savoy*. We have already disbanded greatest part of our Troops; This State resolving to keep in their service a Body of

5 or 6000 Men only. From *Milan* they write, that the difference between their Governor the Duke d' *Osuna*, and their Archbishop, the Cardinal *Litta*, is now perfectly reconciled, by the interposition of the Pope, so that frequent visits pass between them, to the great satisfaction of that Court. That there lately passed a Courier through that place from *Spain*, being sent to the Governor of the *Franche Comte*, with Bills of Exchange for a very considerable sum of Money, to enable that Governor to raise several new Troops, and to make such other preparations, as might be necessary for the security of those Countreys.

Dantzick, April 28. As the Summer advances, so our Fears increase, of an Invasion from the Turks; for our Letters arrived this week from the Frontiers, assure us, that the Ottoman Troops were about passing the *Nest*, in order to their entering into the *Ukraine*, and that a very considerable Body of Men were already arrived at *Gaminac* in *Podolia*; The Tartars are ordered to be ready to joyn with them, and other great preparations are making, as if they intended nothing less, then the Conquest of the whole Kingdom; however, we promise our selves, that they will not find their work so easy, as they did the last Summer, we being now united amongst our selves, and backt with the friendship of the Czar of *Muscovy*, who hath by several Messengers of late, declared to this Crown his resolution of assisting us, against our Common Enemy; to confirm which, his Forces are as we are told, already on their march, and are ordered part of them to fall into *Tartary*, to give those Peoplea diversion, whilst the rest of his Forces joyn with ours, and so proceed together against the Enemy. The Dukedom of *Lithuania* is to furnish for the present 6000 Men, to be joyned with the standing Army of this Kingdom, which will be increased, as soon as the Moneys necessary for their subsistence can be raised; and in the mean time, in case of necessity, the Nobility will come into the Field again, as they did the last Summer, and act, its hoped, more unanimously, then they could do then for the common good. We likewise seem to expect an assistance proportionable to the danger that threatens us, from the Emperor, in case the continual troubles in *Hungary* do not oblige his Imperial Majesty to employ all his Forces that way, but we hope the contrary.

Hambrough, May 5. From *Stockholme* our Letters say, that the preparations of that Crown are not so great, as have been reported, and that by Sea they make not any at all; That General *Wrangel* would not come over into *Germany*, till towards Autumne, unless some alteration in the present posture of affairs there, should oblige him to make more hast; That their Majesties were going to pass some time in the Countrey, though not far from *Stockholme*; and that the Count *Bernard Oxenstern*, is made Vice-Chancellor of the Kingdom. The Dutch have reported here in Town, that the Crown of *Danemrk* was to send a Squadron of men of War to their assistance this Summer; though at the same time our Letters from *Copenhagen* make not any mention of it, any farther, do not speak of any Men of War that Crown is fitting out. From *Germany* they still continue to write, of a Cessation