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*Florence, March 24, N. S.*

**T**HE Duke of Gravina Urfini has been named by the King of Naples his Ambassador to the Emperor. The Duke de Montemar having asked Permission to make a great Esplanade round Pefaro, by pulling down some Houses and the Walls of the Gardens, to encamp his Army there, the Pope would not in any way consent to it; but gave the said General to understand, that he ought to march forward to seek his Enemy, or retreat again into the Kingdom of Naples, because he absolutely would not allow such a Number of Troops to remain in the Ecclesiastical State. The Spaniards, come from Tuscany into the Peruginy, have occasioned great Disorders there, because they gave no Notice before hand of their coming, and consequently Provision was not made for their Subsistence. The Officers themselves own, that they have lost by Desertion in passing through Tuscany, more than Six Thousand Soldiers; and according to the most moderate Calculation, the Infantry of the Duke de Montemar is actually diminished one Third, and the Regiment of Walloon Guards is almost entirely ruined. The Austrians fearing that the Spaniard might try to penetrate into the Mantuan, had begun to file off on the Side of Ferrara; but they are since returned back again, seeing that Montemar's Design is to march to Bologna: They are at present posted behind the River of Panaro, between Bologna and Modena near the Fort of Urbano. The Duke of Modena has put Three Thousand of his regular Troops into his Residence, Two Thousand in Mirandola, and as many more at Reggio. There are Five Hundred Men in Massa. He has, besides, two Regiments of Horse, consisting of 1600 private Men, and has augmented his Militia with Three Thousand. They are actually at work on the Tents and Field Equipages for the said Modenes Troops. His Serene Highness would not give up to the Spaniards their Deserters, but has formed two new Battallions out of them.

*Florence, March 25.* On the 24th the remaining Party, consisting of 400 Horse and 200 Foot, out of the second Convoy from Barcelona, arrived at Pisa from the Spezzia, on their March to join the rest of the Spanish Army in the Romagna. On the 21st the French Farmers of the Publick Revenues of Tuscany, took Possession of the Mint, in order to carry it on under their Administration, and have fixed up Notifications, offering to any one that shall bring Gold or Silver to be coined, to pay its Value in Specie on Delivery. Parties of 15 and 20, and sometimes 50 Deserters a Day, arrive in this City from the Spanish Army in the Romagna. On the 17th and 18th Instant the

Inhabitants of Lèghorn were again alarmed by three slight Shocks of an Earthquake, which however did no Damage. In Consequence of the great Desertion among the Spanish Troops, and on a Suspicion that some Art has been used on the Part of this Government to seduce them, on the 19th at Night printed Papers in Spanish, dated the 10th from Pefaro, with the Arms and in the Name of M. de Montemar, were fixed up in several Parts of the Town, promising entire Pardon to all Deserters that should return to his Army within the Space of Three Months, with a Permission to them to chuse the Regiment they may like to serve in, preferable to those they have quitted; but as this Step was taken without Leave from the Government, it was looked upon as an Insult on the Great Duke's Authority, and, by Order of the Regency, the Papers were the same Day pulled down and torn by the Sbirri; and on the 21st a Courier was dispatched to M. de Montemar with Complaints on this Head, as well as of the Irregularities committed by the Spanish Troops in their Passage, and the Damages which the People have suffered by them.

*Vienna, March 31.* The Empress Amelia has been a long Time in a languishing Condition, and her Life is now despaired of. The Saxons have had a Lieutenant Colonel, Three Captains, Four Lieutenants, Two Ensigns, and 126 common Men taken Prisoners, with 160 Horses, by 250 Hussars from Brinn; the Remainder of Three or Four Companies of Dragoons were killed to a Man. Prince Lobkowitz is left at Budeweis to observe the French, while Prince Charles marches as this Day into Moravia.

*Dusseldorp, April 6.* The French have removed their Bridge of Boats which they had laid across the Rhine at Keyferswert, and set it up under the Cannon of this Town. Three Battalions of French Troops will enter this Place To-morrow, and the Marshal de Maillebois is expected in two or three Days with a Detachment of Cavalry, who are to remain in Garrison here. The Emperor continues indisposed at Francfort.

*Whitehall, April 5.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto Andrew Stone, Esq; the Office or Place of Secretary of his Majesty's Island of Barbadoes in America.

*St. James's, April 5.*

This Day Baron Utterodt, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Poland, had a private Audience of his Majesty; to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

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