

able has happen'd on the Po since M. de Castellar's possessing himself of Guastalla, which he is fortifying: As this Motion of the Spaniards may serve different Purposes, M. Pallavicini is taking proper Measures to defeat them. He has thrown a Bridge over the Po opposite to Quistello, and is employing the Peasants in making a Road from Revero to Mirandola. He has also placed a considerable Body of regular Troops along the Banks of the Po, from Borgo-forte to Revero, to prevent the Spaniards penetrating into the Mantuan; but it does not seem probable that they will attempt passing the Po with such small Numbers, when large Succours are expected to arrive daily, the Tirol being full of Troops. The first Column of Eight Thousand, with the Generals Browne and Luchesi, will certainly reach Mantua in ten Days. The Croats are to cross the Gulph from Trieste, from whence the Austrians propose also to import into Italy a large Quantity of Flower, and Stores of all Sorts. As to the Spanish Reinforcements, about 4000 Horse and Foot are arrived in the County of Nice. They expect ten Battalions from Barcelona, and Part of the Garrisons of Oran and Ceuta. The King of Naples is to send three Battalions of Foot, and some Squadrons of Horse. It is likewise reported, but little credited, that the French will augment M. de Maillebois's Army very considerably. The Genoese also talk of making new Levies.

*Leghorn, Feb. 7.* Captain Robinson, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Diamond, arrived here two Days ago from Mahon; he brings no other News from thence, but that Captain Townshend, who by the Badness of the Weather had been forced in there from Corsica with the Bomb Vessels, was preparing to return again to his Station in a few Days.

*Florence, Feb. 8, N. S.* On the 5th Instant M. Paperini, who for upwards of 15 Years past has resided at Genoa, and acted as Agent of Tuscany, arrived here, in Consequence of an Order lately made by the Republick of Genoa, for him to leave that City in three Days.

*Turin, Feb. 13, N. S.* On Friday the 6th Instant an Exptes from Novarre brought an Account, that a Detachment of Spanish Cavalry had forded the Tesin near Oleggio, to the Number of about 3000 Horse, with some Grenadiers which they had brought over behind them, as they had no Bridge on that River. This Detachment was supported by the Motion made at the same Time of another Body of Spanish Troops from Vigevano: And the Imperial General not thinking himself strong enough to make a Stand, retired in good Order from Novarre, in two Marches, behind the Sesia, and is since come to Vercelli, where he has been joined by four Battalions of the King of Sardinia's Troops; and Orders were immediately given

here for six more, and three Regiments of Horse, to march thither with the utmost Diligence, and for all Officers to repair instantly to their Posts. We are now in hourly Expectation of farther Accounts from those Parts.

*Vienna, Feb. 16.* Marshal Bathiani is appointed by this Court to command their Forces in the Low Countries, and Prince Lobcowitz in the Empire; but it is supposed that Prince Charles will have the Command there. Marshal Bathiani will repair as soon as possible to the Hague. Count Daun will be at the Head of the Infantry, and General Philberg, as is said, of the Cavalry.

*Hambourgh, Feb. 18, N. S.* The young Prince of Bevern, who has the Command of a Regiment in the King of Denmark's Service, is arrived here on his Way to Brabant, to serve there as a Volunteer in the Allied Army this ensuing Campaign.

*Hague, Feb. 25.* On Wednesday Night an Officer arrived here, sent by Lieutenant General Vander Duyn, with an Account, that the Garrison of Brussels had surrendered themselves Prisoners of War on the 20th Instant, and that most of the favourable Accounts which we had from Time to Time, of the Progress and the Incidents of the Siege, were destitute of Foundation. The States have already issued the proper Orders for the Redemption of their Troops. The Austrians who were in the Town capitulated apart. The Troops of the Allies seem now drawing together behind Mechlin, to dispute the Passage of the Dyle and the Neete. We have Letters here from Paris, which mention, that the Pretender's youngest Son is returned thither from the Sea Coast.

*Hague, March 1.* We do not hear that the French have as yet made any Motion since their Reduction of Brussels; and the Prince of Waldeck's Head Quarters continue at Mechlin.

*Whitehall, February 22.*

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable John Earl of Portsmouth, the several Offices of Governor and Captain of the Isle of Wight, and Governor of Carisbrook Castle, and of Constable and Doorkeeper of the said Castle of Carisbrook, and of Steward, Surveyor, Receiver and Bailiff of all Manors, Lands, Tenements, Woods, Hereditaments, and other Revenues within the said Island, in the room of his Grace Charles Duke of Bolton.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint his Grace John Duke of Bedford to be Warden and Keeper of the New Forest in the County of Southampton, and of the Duckoy there; and also the Manor and Park of Lindhurst, and the Hundred of Rudbergh, in the room of his Grace Charles Duke of Bolton.

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