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Lisbon, Feb. 30.

**T**he 20 instant the Three Estates of this Kingdom, Assembled in the Palace-Hall, the Prince being set on a Throne at one end of it, with the Infanta his Daughter on his left hand, the Bishop of *Lamego* made a Speech, which was seconded by one of the Procurators of *Lisbon*, both relating to the Oath they were to take, and the Homage they were to do to the Infanta; then the Secretary of State read the forme of an Oath, which was to this effect;

**T**hat they did receive for their True and Natural Prince and Governour, the most High and Mighty Prince *Don Pedro*, and did him Homage according to the Laws and Customs of the Kingdom; That they did likewise own and receive the Infanta *Donna Maria*, for the true and sole Heiress of these Kingdoms, and that after the death of the Prince they would receive her for their True and Natural Princess and Governess, and no other; which Oath the Nobility, Clergy, and Commons took personally, and did Homage to the Prince in behalf of the Infanta, kissing the Hand of them both. The next day the States met again, when the Bishop of *Lamego*, in behalf of the Prince, told them, That the chief occasion of their meeting was, to provide for the necessities of the Kingdom, and for the security thereof. That the Prince expected they would consider his present great expences, and that his Revenues could not well bear them, and therefore that they would take care to encrease them, according to the present exigencies; The Commons are resolved to give the Prince a considerable supply, but cannot yet agree about the manner of raising it.

**Madrid, Feb. 14.** This Government is putting it self into a posture of War both by Sea and Land; *Don Melchor de la Cueva*, Brother to the Duke of *Albuquerque*, is made General of the Armada; and the *Marquis de Leganes* is to Command the 800 Men which are drawing out of the Royal Regiment, and are to march to *Catalonia*. From *Cadix* of the 13 past they write, that all the Dutch Privateers and Men of War came into that Bay the day before, being with them two Ships, a French Ship laden with Fruits, and a Turkish Man of War of 18 Guns; and from the same place of the fourth instant we have advice, That the said Men of War and Privateers were all going out again to cruise.

**Strasbourg, Feb. 16.** This week arrived here two Expresses from *Basil*, the first bringing us advice, that the *Marquis de Vaubrun* had quitted his Quarters at *Neuchâtel*, and was marched through the Countrey of *Blannox*, and *Monbelliard*, towards *Belinçon*, and *Valentignie*, situate on the River *Doubs* in the Countrey of *Burgundy*; and that the Spanish Troops which are in that Countrey, had quitted the

Bridge over the same River at *Roude*, and were drawn nearer to *Belinçon*, whither the *Marquis de Vaubrun* seemed to direct his march, and that the said *Marquis* had in his way taken the Fort called *New Castle*; but by the latter Express we have advice, that the *Marquis* was returned out of the *Franche Comte* to *Brisac* without having effected any thing.

**Cologne, Feb. 23.** Yesterday the Baron *d'Isola* arrived here from *Bon* with a sufficient Convoy. The Prince of *Fursenberg* continues still prisoner at *Bon*, in expectation of the Emperors farther Orders; the *Marquis de Grana* in answer to the Letters sent to him by our Magistrates, has written back to them; That he knew not any thing of the action till it was past; That it was not for him to dispute the Emperors Orders, but to obey; all that he could do, was to write to his Imperial Majesty in behalf of the Prince of *Fursenberg*, and that he had already done it; The Duke of *Bourbonville*, who Commands the Imperial Troops here on the *Rhine*, has likewise promised to use his Interest at the Imperial Court, to obtain his release.

**Munich, Feb. 17.** The Duke of *Hessein*, who Commands some Spanish Troops in *Luxemburg*, having had a design to surprize this place, upon advice that there was a very weak Garrison in it, assembled his Cavalry together, and gave Orders to the Infantry to follow in the night, that they might arrive before the place at break of day; accordingly the Duke arrived there between four and five in the morning with his Horse, but the Foot having been hindered by the darkness of the night, and the ignorance of the Guides came not in time, and therefore the Duke thought not fit to put his intended designs into execution.

**Brussels, Feb. 23.** This day, besides the Ordinary from *England* arrived an Express from the Spanish Ambassador at that Court, giving our Governour-General an account of the conclusion of the Peace, which occasions here much joy. In the interim, great preparations are making for the Campaign, and vast quantities of Provisions are providing in the Capital places of this Province. The district of this City, is to provide two months Forrage for 1200 Horse, at the rate of 12000 Guilders per month; likewise for 2000 Horse at the same rate, and the rest of the Towns proportionally; his Excellency promising that these Moneys shall be abated out of their next Subsidies. We were in some fear that the French, by the favor of this great Frost, would have made an Invasion into the Countrey of *Wals*, the River *Scheide* being frozen over in most places, and had the Frost continued three or four days longer, it is not doubted, but they would have done it, but the last night the weather changed. Upon the earnest Petition of the Countrey round about, his Excellency has given them leave to pay Contributions to the French. From *Mestrich* we hear that there is good plenty of all things necessary, and that they are very cheap, excepting onely Wood; That all the Countrey people round having been summoned to bring